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Re: Shirley Warden

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2761	8-13-47	SE ltr ALB	1	1	
2762	8-14-47	NY ltr ALB	3	0	b1
2763	-	ALB (H)	2	2	
2764	8-13-47	MI ltr ALB	1	1	b7c b7D
2765	8-26-47	NY T ALB	1	1	
2766	8-19-47	Feldman memo ALB	1	1	
2767	8-19-47	ALB memo Dir/and	1/2	1/0	2 pp ALB
2767	9-4-47	ALB ltr ALB	3	3	
2768	8-25-47	Boyer memo ALB	1/1	1/1	
2769	8-31-47	ALB memo ALB	1	0	b7c b7D
2770	9-4-47	Feldman memo ALB	1	1	
2770	9-6-47	ALB ltr ALB	2	2	

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Re: DeLoach

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2771	9-5-47	Mikes memo Add	1	1	
2772	9-2-47	Eliza log	6	6	b1 b2 b7D
2773	9-4-47	NY TT HQ	1	0	b3 Rule 6E
2774	8-1-47	NY TT HQ	1	1	
2775	9-3-47	NY TT HQ	1	0	b3 Rule 6E
2776	9-5-47	Add memo Dir	1	1	b3 Rule 6E
2777	8-27-47	WDC Lpt	2	2	
2778	9-4-47	WFO Ltr HQ	1	1	
2779	9-4-47	NY TT HQ	1	1	
2780	9-6-47	HQ TT NY	1	1	
2781	9-4-47	Angela memo Add	1	1	
2782	8-26-47	NY Ltr HQ	3	3	

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2782	8-10-77	NYO PI ALA	1	1	
2784	8-28-77	NY PI ALA	1	0	b3 Rule 6E
2784	8-28-77	ALA PI NY	1	0	b3 Rule 6E
2785	8-27-77	Bayan memo Add	2	1	1 pgs Refer
2786	8-22-77	Bayan Ref	18	18	b1 b2 b7D
2786	8-25-77	Add memo Die	2	2	
2787	9-5-77	Add memo Dmi	5	5	
2788	9-10-77	San Juan Ref	6	4	b2 b7c b7D 1 pgs Refer
NIC	8-23-77	ALM	1	1	
2789	8-15-77	NY PI ALA	3	3	b3 Rule 6E
2790	9-8-77	NY PI ALA	1	1	
2791	9-9-77	NY PI ALA	1	1	b3 Rule 6E

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Re: Admission

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2792	8-4-47	CE ltr AL	1	1	
2793	9-4-47	NY ltr AL/end	1/2	1/2	
2794	7-31-47	NY TT AL	3	3	
2795	8-27-47	NY TT AL	1	1	
2796	9-6-47	Add memo Tamm/end	1/1	1/1	
2796	9-8-47	AL ltr AL	1	1	
2797	9-8-47	Logan memo Add	1	1	b3 Rule 6E
2798	7-31-47	NY TT AL	1	1	b3 Rule 6E
2799	9-4-47	WFO ltr AL	1	1	
2800	8-25-47	NY ltr AL	19	18	b1 the the the
2801	8-12-47	WFO ltr AL	3	3	b2 b7D
2801	9-3-47	AL ltr WFO	1	1	b2 b7D

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Re: Alvin Karpis

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2802	9-3-47	FD 143	4	0	b1
2803	9-8-47	NY PI Ltr	1	1	
2804	9-2-47	NY Rpt	2	6	
2805	9-10-47	NY PI Ltr	1	0	b3 Rule 6E
2806	9-5-47	WFO ltr Ltr	1	1	
2807	9-10-47	WFO ltr Ltr	1	1	
2808	9-5-47	NY PI Ltr	1	1	b3 Rule 6E
2809	8-28-47	WFO ltr Ltr	3	2	b2 b7D 1 pg Refer
2810	9-10-47	Michals memo Ltr	1	1	
2811	9-10-47	Ladd memo Dir/ind	1/2	1/6	1 pg Refer
2812	9-13-47	NY ltr WFO	1	1	
2813	9-11-47	NY PI Ltr	1	0	b3 Rule 6E

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2814	8-6-47	Redd Ann. Dir./incl	1/6	1/5	1 pg Refer
2814	8-10-47	LA ltr Another Agency/incl	1/7	1/6	1 pg Refer
2815	8-3-47	Another Agency ltr LA/incl	2/4	0/0	b1 5 pg Refer
2816	8-15-47	NK ltr LA	2	2	
2817	8-7-47	NY T LA	2	2	
2818	8-17-47	Exec Log	1	1	b1 b2 b7D
2819	8-28-47	Dir memo Tamm	2	2	
2820	8-13-47	LA ltr NY	3	3	b1
2821	8-20-47	LA T NK	1	1	
2822	8-18-47	NY T LA	1	0	b3 Rule 6E
2823	8-17-47	NY T LA	1	1	b3 Rule 6E
2824	8-12-47	Field memo Gold	1	1	

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE:

August 13, 1947

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was. et al
ESPIONAGE - R

Re: DONALD NIVEN WHEELER

Re Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau and Seattle, June 12, 1947, requesting verification of the residence of DONALD NIVEN WHEELER.

Spot checks in the vicinity of 1226 Warren Place, Seattle, the residence of WHEELER's mother-in-law, was negative regarding the presence of DONALD NIVEN WHEELER's automobile.

On August 8, 1947, this office contacted A. H. RODAL, Postmaster, Rolling Bay, Washington, regarding WHEELER's whereabouts.

It is noted, as set forth in my letter of July 18, 1946, in captioned case, that RODAL has previously furnished information relative to the residence of DONALD NIVEN WHEELER with his father, F. M. WHEELER at Rolling Bay, Washington.

On August 8, RODAL stated that DONALD NIVEN WHEELER had been residing with his father F. M. WHEELER at Rolling Bay, Washington, for the greater part of the summer, and since his return from the East Coast. He stated that DONALD NIVEN WHEELER had, on a number of occasions, been away from Rolling Bay for several days at a time, but that he believed that the most continual residence by DONALD NIVEN WHEELER at any one place was at Rolling Bay, and that this could be considered his address at the present time.

RODAL stated that he will advise the Seattle Office in the event that DONALD NIVEN WHEELER left that area for any extended length of time, or if he changed his mailing address to any other locality.

The Bureau and New York will be advised immediately when any further information is received regarding the change of residence on the part of WHEELER, and this case is being considered RUC.

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cc: Washington Field Office
cc: New York

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ON *2/15/86*

Re: **GEORGE E. TAYLOR**
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COMMENTS: It is to be noted that this is an important Espionage case in the Bureau. A review of the file consisting of two volumes reveals that exhibit 1A-1, which is a photograph of subject, is missing from the file and no charge-out slip is contained therein for it.

In the report of SA GEORGE E. TAYLOR dated December 12, 1945, a lead is set forth requesting a clipping from the "News and Observer," a Raleigh, North Carolina, newspaper, dated November 11, 1945, concerning the organization of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. There is no mention in the details of the report of any such clipping as of that date.

A memorandum dated December 21, 1945, by SA WILLIAM J. CONNOLLY sets forth an incomplete name of a contact, Miss GOLDBERG, Secretary to MARY PRICE, a major subject. This name was not indexed. The complete identity of this person as CAROLYN GOLDBERG was not set forth until April 16, 1946, in a report of that date.

In reports of SA GEORGE E. TAYLOR dated July 23, 1946, and October 31, 1946, the title is not in accord with Bureau instructions dated April 5, 1946, to the effect that the caption should be "GEORGE E. TAYLOR - ESPIONAGE - R Refer Five IS." The same is true of a report dated July 1, 1947.

In report of named Agent dated July 23, 1946, on page 3, wherein a mail cover is set out, the first date on that page is typed 12-38-45, which is obviously incorrect. It is suggested that mail covers set forth on page 3 of the named Agent's report dated July 23, 1946, and on pages 1, 2, and 3 dated October 31, 1946, be reviewed, and those individuals considered of significance be indexed. It is also believed desirable to establish the identity of these individuals. For instance, it has been noted that subject MARY PRICE has been in contact with "BOB GURNEY" of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, according to page 30 of the report dated October 31, 1946. According to SAC memorandum dated December 5, 1945, J. E. GERRACK telephoned the main subject in this case from Pinhurst, North Carolina, stating he would have a HILL GURNEY (phonetic) with him. In view of the

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importance of this case, the possibility that the two are identical should be considered and the true facts ascertained, if possible. (XW)

In the report of instant Agent dated October 31, 1946, no copies were designated for New York City, which office has been interested in this investigation since its inception.

In the following reports auxiliary office file numbers were omitted: SA JOSEPH C. TRAINOR dated December 12, 1946, SA GEORGE E. TAYLOR dated October 31, 1941, and SA GEORGE E. TAYLOR dated July 1, 1947.

EXPLANATION: Remedial action will be taken immediately in line with the above comments.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

August 12, 1947

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In conjunction with the above entitled matter, the Bureau's attention is directed to my confidential letter on the date of October 1, 1945 reflecting the interest of the Milwaukee Journal in the visit of JOSEPH WOODROW WHEINER and wife with the latter's parents at New Glarus, Wisconsin.

It will be noted therefore that Mr. HARVEY SCHWARTZ, then in charge of the Assistant City Editor's Desk of the Milwaukee Journal, indicated that they were in possession of some information regarding WHEINER on which it was contemplated that a story would be published. It will be further recalled that actually no newspaper publicity was given by the Milwaukee Journal at that time.

This is to advise the Bureau, for information purposes, that on this date

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Special Agent WHEINER made no further comments on the above subject matter, [REDACTED] it was not pursued further. [REDACTED] has not approached me on this matter personally at this time.

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F. D. O-BRIEN AUG TWENTYFIFTH, FORTYSEVEN,
WHICH SETS FORTH RESULTS OF INTERVIEWS WITH LAUCHLIN B. CURRIE,
HARRY DEXTER WHITE AND JOHN ABT IN INSTANT CASE WILL BE FURNISHED
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DATE: August 19, 1947

TO : D. M. LADD

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: GREGORY CASE

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

At noon today Mr. Touhy of the New York Office called and stated that the "New York Sun" was carrying a feature story with a six-column headline which reads "Twenty Ex-Employees of U. S. Facing Spy Charges Here," with a subheading "New York Federal Grand Jury Scans FBI Reports Linking American Residents with Ring in Canada." This is a special feature by Edward Nellor, Washington, D. C.

It attributes the facts of the article to "sources close to the FBI." It indicates that a total of 141 U. S. residents are involved in the plot but that the Grand Jury is presently only considering twenty of them. The article states that Department of Justice officials are maintaining silence, intimates that the Department of Justice is not overly-anxious to press the case and alleges that a white-wash will not get by. It indicates that the principal offenders are State Department employees and makes reference to FBI summary reports being submitted to the Grand Jury. The whole article ties the Grand Jury inquiry into the Canadian Spy Case (Case).

A telephone call was placed to Mr. Jones of the Crime Records Section and he stated that his section was aware of the item appearing in the "New York Sun."

HEF:MJJ

12 SEP 1947

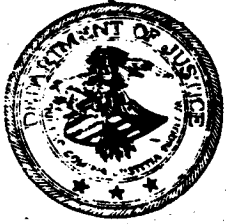
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Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D.C.

August 29, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

I am attaching the original copies of two letters received from the Secretary of the Treasury, dated August 26th and August 27th, respectively.

I was of the opinion that we had furnished the Secretary with all of the information we had on these parties, with the exception of Gunter. I do not remember the name "Gunter" on the list in the Gregory case.

The Secretary is particularly interested in Gunter but he would like to have any information we have on the others who remain in his employ.

I would appreciate your having an Agent call upon Mr. Wiggins, Under-Secretary of the Treasury, giving him any and all information we have on the parties named in these letters who now remain in the employ of the Treasury Department.

Attorney General

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Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

September 4, 1947

Director, FBI

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Reference is made to the memorandum which you directed to me under date of August 29, 1947, to which there were attached two letters received from the Secretary of the Treasury dated August 26 and August 27, 1947, respectively.

The letter from the Secretary of the Treasury dated August 27, 1947, referred to a request made of you for all information available in the Department on five named Treasury employees. The name of Mrs. Sonia Gold was mentioned.

In connection with the five Treasury Department individuals, I desire to refer you to my memorandum to you dated March 7, 1947, in the Gregory Case, which attached individual summaries of the basic data from the files of this Bureau concerning the activities of the subjects in the Gregory Case, who at that time were employed in Government Departments. Included among these were summaries on the following five individuals employed at the Treasury Department:

Schlomer Adler
Harold Glasser
Sonia Steinman Gold
Victor Perle
William Ludwig Wollmann

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The aforementioned summaries were made available to you on March 7, 1947, for your use in the event you deemed it advisable to furnish the information contained therein to the Departments employing the subjects of the memoranda in question. In view of the fact that the Gregory Case is currently before the Grand Jury and since the pertinent information in the possession of this Bureau concerning the subjects of interest to the Secretary of the Treasury is already in your possession, the same is not being made available directly by me to the Treasury Department. In the event you have not previously made available to the Secretary of the Treasury pertinent information contained in the communication which I directed to you on March 7, 1947, I shall, of course, defer to your judgment on the matter of making the information contained in that document available to the Secretary of the Treasury at this time.

With respect to the previously referenced letter from the Treasury Department dated August 26, 1947, concerning John Edworth Gutter, a Treasury Department representative in London, I wish to advise that a representative of this Bureau has made contact with Mr. Higgins, Under Secretary of the Treasury, in accordance with your request, and at that time, all relevant information in our possession concerning Gutter was made available to Mr. Higgins. For your

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TIME 11:10 AM
DATE 9/5/47
BY [signature]

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Information there is attached a memorandum which is identical in content with the memorandum which has been furnished to Mr. Higgins regarding John Wadsworth Guter. In this regard, you will note that the only derogatory information concerning Guter relates to his contacts with three subjects in the Gregory Case.

The enclosures to your memorandum are being returned herewith.

Enclosures

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September 4, 1947

JOHN WADSWORTH GUNTER

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On August 2, 1944, John W. Gunter, who was born February 5, 1923, at Aurora, Kansas, was listed as a passenger on the SS Aquatania arriving at New York City from Gourock, Scotland. (100-209410-5)

In November, 1944, John W. Gunter, identified as the Financial Attache in Ankara, applied for air transportation to the United States. (100-161920-12290)

A highly confidential and reliable source advised on January 13, 1946, that John Gunter and his wife, Lola, and a Mr. and Mrs. Cowan were present at a social gathering at the home of Harold Glasser, 5410 Cathedral Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., on the evening of January 12. The informant advised that John Gunter was then working on Harold Glasser's desk, presumably at the Treasury Department, and that Gunter used to teach Economics at the University of North Carolina. (65-56402-466 p.31; tech surv. on Harold Glasser) (S)(u)

A highly confidential and reliable source advised that on March 23, 1946, a Mr. Douglas contacted Nathan Gregory Silvermaster in an effort to obtain some unidentified information. Silvermaster referred him to John W. Gunter, whom he described as an individual who went to Iran in 1933 as Financial Advisor. (65-56402 sub 1-411 p.16-24; tech surv. on Silvermaster) (S)(u)

While William Henry Taylor, a Treasury Department representative, was residing in a local Washington hotel from May 12 - 27, 1946, a reliable source advised that he contacted John W. Gunter, who resided at 3003 Eastern Avenue, Washington, D. C. The purpose of this contact is not known. (65-56402-1909 p.151; 65-56412 WFO Report 8-29-46)

Harold Glasser, Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, and William Henry Taylor were all at one time employed by the U. S. Treasury Department. These individuals have been described by an admitted Soviet espionage agent as members of the Communist Party and associates of other individuals mentioned by this source as being involved in Soviet espionage in Washington from 1941 to 1944. (65-56402 Summary)

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- Tolson
- E. A. Tamm
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TO : D. M. LADD *DL*
 FROM : J. P. COYNE *JPC*
 -SUBJECT: GREGORY CASE

DATE: August 25, 1947

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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Reference is made to the attached clipping from the Washington "Times Herald" dated August 21, 1947 by James Walter, concerning a matter that is being presented before a Federal Grand Jury in New York City. The article stated that "A Justice Department source indicated that most of the twenty persons expected to be indicted were employees of the State Department - several of whom held important posts in the diplomatic service."

Hamilton Robinson of the State Department inquired of Special Agent Ralph Roach if the matter being presented to the Grand Jury referred to in this article was the Gregory Case and Mr. Roach advised that he did not know. Robinson said that he would like to know the identity of the present or former employees of the State Department who may possibly be indicted.

ACTION:

It is suggested that Mr. Roach tell Mr. Robinson that the Bureau does not know what matter is being presented to the Federal Grand Jury in New York City, nor the number or identity of the persons who may be indicted in connection with the presentation of the current facts to that body. It is further suggested that Mr. Robinson be referred to the Attorney General for any further inquiries he may have concerning the identity of the State Department employees involved in the current presentation.

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20 Ex-U.S. Aides Face Indictment In Atom Spy Plot

By JAMES WALTER

Indictments charging 20 former U. S. government employes with aiding the Canadian Communist spy ring in furnishing Moscow with top military secrets and atom bomb data during the war probably will be returned by a special grand jury in New York early next month, this newspaper learned last night.

Action against the homefront spy group—all of whom are believed to be members of the American Communist party—came as the result of a long and meticulous investigation by the Department of Justice.

Offer Mass of Evidence

The grand jury probe, which has been underway for the last 30 days, is of such import that the mass of evidence accumulated by the Justice department is being presented personally by T. Vincent Quinn, recently appointed head of the criminal division.

Aiding Quinn is Thomas J. Donegan, special assistant to the Attorney General and a former FBI agent.

A Justice department source indicated last night that most of the 20 persons expected to be indicted were employes of the State department—several of whom held important posts in the diplomatic service.

100 Americans Involved

Although the Justice department at this time is turning its big guns on the 20 leading treason suspects, it is known that more than 100 American residents are involved in the Communist plot. Other indictments will be sought if the department is successful in its initial efforts.

Quinn reportedly is presenting unquestionable proof that the 20 played leading roles in the spy plot which had manifestations that rocked Canada in the closing days of the war and sent a British scientist and five other persons to jail.

When Igor Gousenko, code clerk in the Russian embassy in Ottawa, decided to tell the Canadian government everything he knew about the atom bomb spy ring, America learned that a sample of uranium which was shipped by air to the Soviet Union came from a United States atomic energy plant.

But earlier Prime Minister Mackenzie King had flown to Washington and consulted with President Truman and State department heads before public announcement of the break in the spy case was made.

Named Spies in U. S.

The prime minister told everything he knew, including the names of the spy ring's confederates in this country.

Despite the fact that the United States had been alerted, one of the leading figures in the Canadian ring—Lt. Col. Peter S. Motinov—turned up in Washington and was accepted by the State department as an accredited member of the staff of the Soviet embassy here. Motinov was the "diplomat" who had flown the uranium out of Canada.

The current grand jury probe is expected to reveal the names of State department officials who permitted Motinov to enter this country when his part in the Canadian spy plot was known.

Could Have Barred Envoy

The State department has the power of veto on any diplomat assigned to the United States by a foreign power.

With the delivery of the indictments, this country also may learn for the first time the names of individuals who assisted in delivering the sample of uranium at a time when top secrecy in atom bomb experiments was being maintained.

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FROM : E. G. Wiggins

SUBJECT: JOHN W. GUNTER

In accordance with your memorandum of November 1, 1946, John W. Gunter was personally delivered to Mr. Wiggins, Acting Secretary of Treasury, by Special Agent Griffin of this Section. Mr. Wiggins stated that he was particularly interested in Harold Glasser and not Gunter. Mr. Wiggins advised that Harold Glasser occupies an important technical position in the Division of Foreign Monetary Affairs with the Treasury Department and it is therefore necessary that the Treasury Department take some action in the immediate future as to whether he is to be continued in his position or to be discharged. Mr. Wiggins advised that Glasser has a great deal of valuable background for this position and the Treasury Department is reluctant to discharge him unless his activities justify.

Mr. Wiggins was advised that the request received by the Bureau from the Attorney General's office asked for information concerning Gunter and that we had therefore prepared the memorandum on Gunter and not Glasser. Mr. Wiggins advised that he understood that Glasser had recently been interviewed by the Bureau and that he was particularly interested in information developed during this interview and any information developed subsequent to October 1946. Mr. Wiggins advised that he had reviewed the large mimeographed report of the Silvermaster case which we furnished to the Secretary of the Treasury. Mr. Wiggins was advised that it would take some time to review the files on Glasser and prepare a memorandum.

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The Attorney General

September 6, 1947

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Reference is made to the memorandum which I forwarded to you under date of September 4, 1947, which was prepared in response to your communication dated August 29, 1947, concerning several employees of the Treasury Department. You will recall that there was attached to my memorandum a summary of the information in the Bureau's possession concerning John Wadsworth Gunter, an employee of the Treasury Department currently assigned to London, England. A copy of the Gunter summary was made available, upon your request, to Mr. Wiggins, Under Secretary of the Treasury, and upon the occasion of the delivery of that summary Mr. Wiggins indicated that he was more particularly interested in information developed by this Bureau concerning Harold Glasser who occupies an important position in the Division of Foreign Monetary Affairs at the Treasury Department. Mr. Wiggins was particularly desirous of determining the results of the interviews had with Glasser by Agents of this Bureau on April 30, and May 3, 1947.

In connection with Harold Glasser, your attention is invited to the memorandum which I forwarded to you on March 7, 1947, in the Gregory case. There was attached thereto a summary of the basic data in the files of this Bureau concerning Glasser, as well as summaries on other individuals employed in agencies of the United States Government. I indicated on the occasion of that transmittal that the summaries were being made available to you for your use in the event it was decided to furnish the information contained therein to the Departments employing those persons. I am not aware of the disposition made of those summaries by the Department.

Your attention is further invited to the memorandum which I submitted to you on May 17, 1947, containing the results of the interviews had with Harold Glasser on April 30, and May 3, 1947.

I have not made available to Mr. Wiggins the data which he has requested on Harold Glasser and I shall, of course, defer to your judgment as regards the question of making such information available to him. I

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realize at the same time that you may have previously made such information available directly to the Secretary of the Treasury. In the event it has not already been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury and you consider it advisable to take such action at this time, it is suggested that reference be made to the previously mentioned communications which I forwarded to you on March 7, and May 17, 1947.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD

FROM : J. E. Milnes *JE*

SUBJECT: GREGORY
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DATE: September 5, 1947

Time of Call: 8:45 PM
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Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tracy ✓
Mr. Carson ✓
Mr. Egan ✓
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Mr. Harbo ✓
Mr. Hendon ✓
Mr. Pennington ✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
Miss Holmes ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

Supervisor E. W. Walsh of New York called at 8:45 PM. He said that a column appeared in the New York Post today entitled "Washington Memo". The title of the article under this column was "Top Secret Probe of Communists by New York Jury has Capitol Buzzing". It was written under a Washington dateline of September 4, 1947, by Charles Van Devander. A copy of the column is being mailed to the Bureau tonight by the New York Office under the above caption.

The article points out that top ranking officials of the Communist Party have been called before the Grand Jury to tell of their relations with Russian officials. The ostensible purpose of their being called is to prove they are foreign agents and should have registered as such. At another point in the article it is pointed out that two of the individuals being considered by the Grand Jury are former top officials of the Treasury and State Departments. The article said that the FBI has in its possession a signed affidavit taken from a former Party member who swears that he attended Communist Party meetings with these officials.

At another point in the article the following statement appears:

"THE MEN WHO ARE FACING THE NEW YORK GRAND JURY PROBE ARE AT LEAST ASSURED OF THE FULL PROTECTION OF THE LAW IF THEY ARE INDICTED AND A CHANCE TO CONFRONT THEIR ACCUSERS. FROM THAT VIEWPOINT THEY ARE IN A RELATIVELY MORE COMFORTABLE POSITION THAT THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO ARE OUSTED FROM THEIR POSTS ON THE BASIS OF UNREVEALED TESTIMONY UNEARTHED BY JOHN EDGAR HOOVER'S F.B.I. OR SOME OTHER 'EAGER BEAVER INVESTIGATIVE BRANCH'."

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KAP SUMMARY
SEPTEMBER 2, 1947

BEADIE MAGDOFF asked Allied Vans about moving to New York this week. The watchman told her to call back about 8:30AM as they are not open yet.

FO/JFB

BEADIE MAGDOFF asked LARRY POTAMKIN what time it is, as she set her clock wrong. BEADIE asked for CAROLINE and was told she is in Philadelphia. BEADIE said she had hoped to see her, but perhaps CAROLINE can come to visit her in New York. BEADIE said they have an apartment in New York, and she is going to be here all week trying to get their things moved. BEADIE gave their New York address as: 20-17 23rd St., Astoria, New York City. She asked LARRY to get in touch with them whenever he comes to New York. BEADIE explains that they are having some difficulty getting a phone. BEADIE asked LARRY to tell CAROLINE to write to her.

FO/JFB

BEADIE MAGDOFF to NEEPY NIERENBERG. BEADIE tells NEEPY that her phone isn't disconnected after all. She says she left her coat at NEEPY's last night and will come for it. BEADIE asks for ANNIE STEIN's number. It is Ordway 3377.

JRB

BEADIE MAGDOFF to Curles Moving about having her household goods moved to New York City this week. MR. BRIDGEMAN will come out to see her.

JRB

BEADIE MAGDOFF to Smith Storage for MR. WEST who is not in. She left word for him to call her at her home or at her neighbor's, Temple 1995, where she is eating.

JRB

BEADIE MAGDOFF to Ordway 3377. Operator says this number is temporarily disconnected for a party named STEIN.

JRB

BEADIE MAGDOFF to AMELIA PERAZICH to tell her about being back and about moving to New York City. BEADIE said they decided about the middle of August and then found a 4 1/2 room apartment in ASTORIA. It is in a two family house. BEADIE is going up the end of the week. She doesn't like the idea of moving to New York. BEADIE says that BEATTIE VAN TASSEL is coming down today to get their possessions together. The VAN TASSELS are moving to the UN apartments in New York. BEADIE and AMELIA chat about their children.

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9:00AM

MR. BRIDINGHAM of Curles Movers to BEADIE MAGDOFF. He will come out shortly after 10AM this morning to estimate her moving. JPB

9:03AM

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BEADIE MAGDOFF to ~~GEORGE~~ VASZI, Extension 2310 at the Commerce Department. She tells him about their moving to New York City. GEORGE explains to her that the phone wasn't disconnected because he got HARRY's letter too late. They discuss settling up accounts, GEORGE owes the MAGDOFFS for a telephone bill of \$27.99. He will send a check to HARRY at HARRY's father's business address which is 131 W 101st Street, New York City. JPB

9:15AM

BEADIE MAGDOFF to MR. WEST at Smith's Storage. She says that MR. CARLINER had called Smith's about the MAGDOFF's moving, but didn't talk to M. WEST. He tells BEADIE that they can't move her for at least two weeks. BEADIE explains why ~~MR. CARLINER~~ had called - HARRY works for NCAB and MR. SMITH is a member of NCAB. MR. WEST then says they may be able to handle the moving sooner. He will come out at about 4:30 or 5:00PM to look it over. JPB (u)

9:23AM

BEADIE MAGDOFF for ~~MR. GOLDSTEIN~~, a lawyer, concerning a claim he is handling for a railroad accident. MR. GOLDSTEIN is in Chicago but should be back in a day or two. JPB

9:23AM

BEADIE MAGDOFF to Security Storage Co. concerning her desire to have her furnishings moved. They can start packing tomorrow and load before the end of the week. The load will be delivered in New York City either Friday or Monday. This is agreeable to BEADIE. She wants her goods insured for \$5000. JPB

9:35AM

BEADIE MAGDOFF to SMITH Storage to tell MR. WEST to hold up for awhile and she will call him if she wants him to come out. JPB

9:43AM

BILL REMINGTON to ~~ANN~~ REMINGTON. BILL asks if she got his note. She did and the answer is no, she doesn't care to go to dinner. As for taking the kids, she will call him back after she hears from her lawyer, MR. ~~BERUFFY~~. BILL says he got a check from BOB ~~DAVENPORT~~ for \$500 and will send her \$250 of it. If there is a release paper to sign, BOB will bring it to ANN. BILL will be out Saturday at 9AM. JPB (u)

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10:23AM

BEADIE MAGDOFF to Extension 2266 at the Treasury Department for MR. DE WILD who is out for the morning at a conference. BEADIE asks that he return her call. JRB

10:25AM

BEADIE MAGDOFF to CATHERINE ~~STONE~~ (STONE?). BEADIE tells of their moving to New York City and of the place they got. It is half of a two family house in Astoria, about 13 blocks from the Triborough Bridge. They have to pay \$105 rent without utilities, paid a \$89 agent fee, and signed a two year lease. Although the house is conveniently located and near schools, BEADIE doesn't like it because of the surroundings - there are two big gas tanks in the back and the front looks out on "row after row of below middle class houses". CATHERINE comments that BEADIE could carry on League work in a "good cross sectional" neighborhood". BEADIE says HARRY is looking much better; he was sick and lost some weight. BEADIE and CATHERINE then discuss the Burgundy Farms School and BEADIE's not liking to take MICHAEL out of school there. They go on to discuss League of Women Voters activities at length. JRB

10:48AM

BEADIE MAGDOFF for BETH ~~BREEZE~~ who was not in. BEADIE left word for BETH to call her. JRB

10:50AM

MR. BRIDINGHAM of Curles Movers to BEADIE MAGDOFF. He is in Fairlington now and will come to her house. JRB

12:55PM

MR. BERUEFFY to ANN REMINGTON concerning BILL REMINGTON's desire to take her and the children to dinner tonight. ANN tells him of BILL's call this morning. MR. BERUEFFY tells her that as long as BILL accepted her "no" answer and did not press the point to just let it go. JRB

1:30PM

BEADIE MAGDOFF to Telephone Co. Business Office to request that her telephone be disconnected as of Saturday, September 6. The final bill is to be sent to 131 W 101st St., N.Y.C. JRB

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BEADIE MAGDOFF to Security Storage Co. to cancel previously made arrangements with them to do her moving as she has now made other arrangements. JPB

2:22PM
[REDACTED]
BEADIE MAGDOFF to Curles Movers concerning their handling of her move to New York City. They are not yet sure if they will get the load tomorrow or later but will let her know as soon as they find out. JRB

3:55 PM
[REDACTED]
BEADIE VAN TASSEL (from KAPLAN'S house) to DOROTHY KAPLAN at Rossllyn 906, Rossllyn Heights, Long Island. BEADIE says she thinks DOROTHY should tell KAPPY that tacked to the KAPLAN'S front door was a notice to KAPPY telling him to appear for Grand Jury in New York tomorrow at 10:30 am. BEADIE says it is just a post card. It is for an alleged violation of Section 88, Title 18 of the U. S. Code. DOROTHY asks if there is any other such mail. BEADIE says there is a letter from the Treasury Department to do with a photostat of a voucher in payment to KAPPY for the period Sept. 1 to Dec. 25 and exceptions of the GAO. DOROTHY says that can wait. BEADIE then gives DOROTHY the full information as it reads on the subpoena postcard, Si. U. S. District Court, Southern District of New York, U. S. Court House, Foley Square, Room 1401, at 10:30 am Sept. 3. The card was posted August 27th. DOROTHY says she hopes she can get in touch with KAPPY by then. BEADIE is going to start packing right away and will be back as scheduled. DOROTHY says BEADIE'S children are very good. BO/CLZ

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4:10 PM
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BEADIE VAN TASSEL to SHIM SPELIMAN. Chatter about how each other is feeling ~~about each other~~ and about the health of the entire families. BEADIE says that she is now at DOROTHY KAPLAN'S house. DOROTHY is still in New York watching her kids while she is down here making arrangements to move to Long Island. BEADIE VAN TASSEL is going to th

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BEADIE VAN TASSEL to SHIM SPELLMAN (continued)

CHESKINS tonight for dinner. Tomorrow night she will have dinner with the SPELLMANS. SHIM says he has some boxes and packing material for BEADIE and offers her the use of his car. She will come right over for it.

CLZ

4:15 pm

BEADIE VAN TASSEL to the Board of Education about transferring her children to the New York Schools. They tell her to contact the schools where the children went last year directly and they will make the proper arrangements. She will.

CLZ

4:30 pm

BEADIE MAGDOFF to BILL DEWIND. Chatter about how each other is and how all the members of each others families are feeling. BEADIE tells BILL that they just got a 4 1/2 room apartment in Astoria New York which rents for a \$105. per month. Chatter about the expenses incurred in obtaining this apartment and the factory community surrounding it. BEADIE says NERRY NIERENBERG is at her house with her now helping her pack and the moving people said they would pick up her furniture tomorrow morning. BEADIE says she wants to see JOAN DEWIND before she leaves. BILL says JOAN will be in town tomorrow. JOAN is coming up to see MILDRED MARCY and to take the baby to the Doctor. BEADIE asks BILL to have JOAN call her at the house as soon as she gets into town tomorrow and they can then make arrangements to get together. BEADIE says HARRY and the children are still in Peekskill. Chatter about where the children will go to school. BEADIE says HARRY'S work will be primarily in New York City but he will occasionally come down to Washington. HARRY will be in Wash. Sept. 15 and will stay for a few days. She may come down with him. BEADIE says HARRY likes the work but the thing is still kind of vague and a gamble. It is a good bet to possibly work out a research organization someday which is what HARRY wants. BILL says he will be head of his Department starting next week. BILL expects to go to New York for a few days next month. BEADIE will expect a call from JOAN in the morning.

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CLZ

5:10 pm

PEGGY NIERENBERG to BEADIE MAGDOFF to ask if BEADIE will come over for dinner. No but she will bring NERRY home and will have some coffee with them. PEGGY asks when they will be coming over. BEADIE says about 6:30 pm.

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NEERY NIERENBERG to his wife, PEGGY, to say that they still have another $\frac{1}{2}$ hour of packing to do at the MAGDOFFS and won't be home till about 7:00 pm.

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8:15 pm
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DOTTY _____ to ANN REMINGTON to invite ANN over for dinner tomorrow night. ANN will be able to make it. DOTTY lives at 1734 P St. N.W.

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GREGORY, ESP. R. JOHN ABT INTERVIEWED AT HIS OFFICE BY AGENTS
THIS OFFICE TODAY, AT WHICH TIME ABT REFUSED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS
UNLESS FACTS OF CASE WERE DIVULGED TO HIM. ABT ADVISED IF DETAILS OF
CASE WERE MADE KNOWN TO HIM HE "MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT" ANSWER QUESTIONS.
HOWEVER, ABT DID STATE HE COULD NOT REMEMBER ANY MEETING HAVING TAKEN
PLACE AT HIS APARTMENT, FOUR FOUR FOUR CENTRAL PARK WEST, APPT TEN D,
AT WHICH PERLO, ^{Victor} Charles, ^{Harry S.} Kramer, ^{Elizabeth} MADGOFF, ^{Edward} BENTLEY, AND FITZGERALD WERE
IN ATTENDANCE IN THE EARLY PART OF NINETEEN FORTYFOUR. HE ALSO ADMIT
KNOWING HAROLD WARE BUT DENIED BELONGING TO ANY CLUB OR GROUP WITH
WHICH WARE WAS ASSOCIATED. INTERVIEW TERMINATED WHEN ABT REMARKED,
"I-LL DISCUSS ONLY THE WEATHER WITH YOU." ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE TO
INTERVIEW EARL BROWDER AND HARRY DEXTER WHITE ON MONDAY.

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In connection with the above matter and as a matter of possible interest, it might be noted that sometime ago while discussing the presentation of this case to the Grand Jury, Mr. Vincent Quinn and Mr. Tom Donegan informed me

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I called Mr. Vincent Quinn today to inquire as to the name of the subject concerned.

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In connection with your inquiry concerning information indicating that either Silverman or Silvermaster had left the country, I desire to advise that a check of the files of the State Department do not reflect issuance of passports for either of these men. A spot check by the New York Office on the afternoon of September 4, 1947, reflected that Silverman was working on that day. The Newark Office is making a spot check on Silvermaster, who, you will recall, has purchased a home on an island fifty miles north of Atlantic City.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **WASHINGTON, D. C.**

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REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 8-27-47	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-27-47	REPORT MADE BY MAURICE A. TAYLOR	Mr. Tolson Mr. E. A. Tamm Mr. Clegg Mr. Glavin Mr. Ladd Mr. Nichols Mr. Rosen Mr. Tracy Mr. Carson Mr. Egan Mr. Gurnea Mr. Harbo Mr. Mohr Mr. Pennington Mr. Quinn Mr. Nease Miss Gandy
TITLE NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was, ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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CHARLES KRAMER interviewed morning 8-27-47 at Washington, D. C. Declined to furnish any information, stating repeatedly, "I would rather not discuss it." During brief conversation, KRAMER declared he was victim of smear campaign which had jeopardized his position and reputation on Capitol Hill and accused Attorney General as responsible. Refused to state who informed him that he was being thus victimized but claimed his sources included persons other than personal friends.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 65-56402;
Teletype from Bureau dated 7-17-47.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

This report reflects an interview with subject **CHARLES KRAMER** by Special Agent **COURTLAND J. JONES** and the writer on the morning of August 27, 1947.

KRAMER was surveilled from his home in Fairlington Apartments, Alexandria, Virginia, to 4th and A Streets, S. E., where he parked his car. At this point he was approached by Agents who identified themselves and requested an interview with KRAMER. It was suggested that he be interviewed at his office or at the Washington Field Office, according to his preference.

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When first approached, KRAMER appeared surprised. However, after recovering himself, he inquired as to the nature of the interview and insisted upon being informed before considering interview.

Upon being advised that the interview concerned his activities during the period he was employed by the United States Government, KRAMER somewhat nervously stated, "I would rather not discuss it," and repeated this statement on a number of occasions thereafter. When pressed as to his reason for refusal to cooperate in a serious investigation, KRAMER finally indicated that he had been the victim of a smear campaign which had irreparably damaged his reputation and jeopardized his position on Capitol Hill. He stated he had learned of this smear campaign from persons other than his friends, although he intimated his friends had informed him similarly. He was pressed for the names of persons in either group, but steadfastly declined to supply any names. He did mention that two individuals, not classified as friends, were above reproach.

Agents vigorously informed KRAMER that he had not been smeared by any campaign and he was being given the opportunity to explain his position in connection with allegations and known facts involving him. KRAMER then stated that he did not blame the Bureau Agents and stated, "I have no quarrel with you boys, you are just doing a job." He then stated that the Attorney General had smeared him and indicated he resented this very deeply and for this reason declined to cooperate with the Department of Justice, although he recognized his responsibility as a good citizen. Effort was made to appeal to KRAMER's loyalty and patriotism to the United States, without result.

This individual must be described as sullen and determinedly uncooperative, following recovery from his original surprise and shock.

The interview was originated at 11:07 AM and concluded at 11:18 AM.

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TO :

Director, FBI

J. R. Roub

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington

DATE: September 4, 1947

SUBJECT:

GREGORY
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HARRY MAGDOFF

This is to advise that it has been ascertained HARRY MAGDOFF moved from his residence at Parkfairfax Apartments, Alexandria, Virginia, on September 3, 1947, to 20-17 23rd Street, Astoria, New York City.

The New York Office is requested to verify MAGDOFF's residence in view of the fact that a subpoena will probably be issued for him to appear before the Grand Jury in New York City in regard to this case. Inasmuch as HARRY MAGDOFF will now reside at the above address, the New York Office is requested to extend to him appropriate coverage.

CC New York

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GREGORY, ESP. R. SPOT CHECK AT OHRBACHS DEPARTMENT STORE
REFLECTS A. GEORGE SILVERMAN AT THAT STORE TWO THIRTY PM THIS DATE.
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SAC, NEW YORK
NEWARK

Transmit the following message to:

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RE GREGORY, ESPIONAGE - R. RE NEW YORK TEL FOURTH INSTANT RE ABRAHAM
GEORGE SILVERMAN AND NEWARK TEL TO WASHINGTON FIELD FIFTH INSTANT RE
NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER. NEW YORK, NEWARK AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICES
SHOULD MAINTAIN SPOT CHECKS ON ALL SUBJECTS WHO HAVE APPEARED OR MAY APPEAR
BEFORE GRAND JURY IN NEW YORK CITY AND IMMEDIATELY ADVISE BUREAU OF ANY
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TO : D. M. LADD *DL*
 FROM : L. L. LAUGHLIN *LL*
 SUBJECT: GREGORY CASE

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Mr. Robert W. Wall, Jr., WFO, called at 12:15 P. M., in your absence, and stated that pursuant to your instruction to the WFO, a check had been made at the State Department, but it was found no passports had been issued to Silvermaster and Silverman, subjects in this case.

Mr. Wall added that the New York and Newark Offices, respectively, had been requested to check and determine the present whereabouts of Silverman and Silvermaster. He said that the Bureau would be promptly advised as soon as further information was received concerning these subjects.

Mr Ladd advised
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United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.**

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August 26, 1947

Director, FBI

Re: GREGORY
ESPIONAGE - R

A. GEORGE SILVERMAN

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Dear Sir:

The following is being set out in order that the complete circumstances concerning the non-appearance of A. GEORGE SILVERMAN before the Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York may be noted as a matter of record; the foregoing facts have been previously furnished to the Bureau and the Washington Field Division by teletype.

On July 10, 1947, Messrs. T. Vincent Quinn and Thomas J. Donegan, who are handling the presentation of instant matter before the Grand Jury, advised ASAC A. H. Belmont that on the previous day Mr. Quinn had been telephonically contacted by Mayor WILLIAM O'DWYER of New York City, who requested that Mr. Quinn confer with him at City Hall on this matter. During the subsequent conference Mayor O'DWYER indicated that Mr. JEROME K. OHRBACH, executive head of Ohrbach's, Inc., the firm of which SILVERMAN is Vice President, had spoken to him on behalf of SILVERMAN, and it also developed during this conference that Mayor O'DWYER desired to know whether the Government would be interested in having SILVERMAN make a complete and detailed statement concerning his part in instant matter, omitting nothing and furnishing all details regardless of whether they were detrimental to the interests of himself and his friends.

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Mr. Quinn stated that in response to this query, he had informed Mayor O'DWYER that he was definitely interested in such a statement, but that it would be necessary for him to route the matter through appropriate channels in the Department for a definite decision, particularly concerning the possibility that, under such circumstances, SILVERMAN might be regarded as a Government witness and secure immunity for himself. Mr. Quinn volunteered the opinion to ASAC Belmont that if SILVERMAN gave a complete and detailed statement, it was probable that his information would sufficiently corroborate Informant GREGORY'S statement so that instant case might be brought to trial, particularly as SILVERMAN held an executive position in the War Department and was working on the B-29 project, which at that time was highly secret,

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and further that quite possibly the documents SILVERMAN abstracted from the War Department files concerned the B-29 program. It was Mr. Quinn's further opinion that a statement by SILVERMAN containing admissions along these lines would make a substantive rather than a conspiracy case, and he also pointed out that inasmuch as SILVERMAN was personally acquainted with a number of the other subjects in this case who were employed by the Government, his testimony could be very damaging so far as they were concerned.

It is to be noted that SILVERMAN was scheduled to appear before the Grand Jury on July 10, 1947, but that under the circumstances, Mr. Quinn informed Mayor O'DWYER that SILVERMAN'S opinion would not be required pending a decision by the Department as to the advisability of taking a statement from SILVERMAN. It was also learned from Mr. Quinn that in his conference with O'DWYER, the latter indicated that SILVERMAN was exceedingly worried about his role in instant case and seemed to be seeking a way out. Mr. Quinn further related that during his conference with O'DWYER, he had informed the Mayor that he would not negotiate with ISRAEL OSEAS, who, it will be recalled, had previously appeared at Mr. Quinn's office and informed him that on technical grounds he had advised his client not to respond to the subpoena. The Mayor thereupon suggested that Judge EDWARD LAZANSKY, former presiding judge of the Appellate Division, Second Department, New York Supreme Court, would be a proper attorney for SILVERMAN, and Quinn told the Mayor that this suggestion was very satisfactory to him, inasmuch as he knew LAZANSKY to be a high type attorney.

Mr. Quinn also advised that he had made it very plain to Mayor O'DWYER that if a statement was taken from SILVERMAN, the latter would have to make a complete revelation of all facts in his possession concerning instant matter with no reservations whatsoever. It was agreed that upon receiving advice from the Department, Mr. Quinn would communicate with Mayor O'DWYER and inform him of the Attorney General's desires in the matter; subsequently, on July 11, 1947, the Mayor was advised that the re-interview of SILVERMAN under the stipulated conditions had been approved and the Mayor thereupon stated that SILVERMAN and Judge LAZANSKY would appear in Mr. Quinn's office at 10:00 a.m. on July 14, 1947, for a preliminary conference prior to the re-interview of SILVERMAN by Bureau agents.

On July 14, 1947, ASAC Belmont learned from Mr. Quinn that SILVERMAN and LAZANSKY had appeared at Mr. Quinn's office on that day, but that the conference had been most unsatisfactory inasmuch as SILVERMAN merely stated that he was present to answer any questions that might be asked, and declared that he had nothing further to add to the answers made by him on the occasion of his original interview. In view of this un-anticipated development, Messrs. Quinn and Donegan informed SILVERMAN and his attorney that available evidence indicated strongly that SILVERMAN was in fact involved seriously in this matter, and that they did not intend to confer further with him unless he

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talked freely as Mayor O'DWYER indicated SILVERMAN desired to do. They informed him and his attorney that they would hold the matter in abeyance until 12:00 noon on July 17, 1947, so that SILVERMAN might reconsider his apparent change of heart, but nothing further was heard from him nor from his attorney.

Subsequently on July 14, 1947, Mr. Quinn advised that he had telephoned Mayor O'DWYER and informed him that SILVERMAN had failed to give any information whatsoever and had not conducted himself in the manner in which O'DWYER had represented he would. The Mayor then informed Mr. Quinn that insofar as he was concerned Mr. Quinn should feel free to proceed against SILVERMAN in any manner he chose; that he had given him a very fair opportunity and that he was no longer interested in SILVERMAN'S fate.

Up to the date of instant letter, Messrs. Quinn and Donegan have had no further communication from SILVERMAN or his attorney, nor has a new subpoena been issued for his appearance; they have not advised as to their eventual action so far as SILVERMAN is concerned.

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt
EDWARD SCHEIDT,
SAC

cc - Washington Field

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Mr. Tamm
Mr. Egan
Mr. Curnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
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GREGORY, ESPIONAGE R. NEWARK OFFICE ADVISES SILVERMASTER PERSONALLY OBSERVED BY BUREAU AGENT IN POST OFFICE AT HARVEY CEDARS, N. J., AT TWELVE FIFTY PM SEPTEMBER FIVE. POSTMASTER SAMUEL LEAR, HARVEY CEDARS, N. J., ADVISES SILVERMASTER STILL RESIDING WITH ALEXANDER PORTNOFF AT EIGHTY FOURTH ST., AND BOULEVARD, HARVEY CEDARS, N. J. LEAR THINKS SILVERMASTER STILL BUILDING HOUSE JUST NORTH OF HARVEY CEDARS, N. J., IN LONG BEACH TOWNSHIP, N. J. NO INDICATION THAT HE IS IN PROCESS OF MOVING.

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TO : Mr. D. M. LADD *DL*
 FROM : J. P. COYNE *JPC*
 SUBJECT: KAREL WOLFGANG DEUTSCH

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You may possibly recall that a technical surveillance on the residence of Maurice Halperin, a subject in the Gregory Case, reflected that on December 19, 1945, one Carl, subsequently identified as Karel Deutsch, who worked under Halperin in the OSS group that had been transferred to the State Department at that time, contacted Halperin and the following conversation took place. (u)

Apparently Deutsch and Halperin were working on a survey concerning Argentina, possibly at the request of Karl Spaeth of Mr. Braden's office in the State Department. Deutsch stated that one Lois in the American Republics Analysis and Liaison Office of the State Department, had given to him an FBI report that dealt with the H.D.Z. decodes and mentioning Plinio Salgado and the Brazilian Green Shirt. Halperin was greatly amused that this material had come into the hands of his assistant who had called Spaeth after receiving it and pointed out that the project they were working on was a duplication of the FBI report and that they had been working in the dark. Halperin said the FBI report made the whole project ridiculous and his subordinate, Deutsch, stated that this was something which might interest Colonel McCormick. (u)

The above FBI report was identified by the Bureau as "Short Study of Axis Espionage" dated February 7, 1945. This was furnished on a strictly confidential basis to Avra Warren in the State Department, with copies to Karl Spaeth and to Mr. Fred Lyon. (u)

Investigation in the Gregory case reflected that Deutsch resigned from the State Department on March 19, 1946, for reasons unknown to the Bureau. However, it is possible that his resignation was brought about as the result of the above information being furnished to the State Department.

After Deutsch's resignation he moved to Boston, Massachusetts, where he is employed as a Professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The Boston Office advised by letter dated August 4, 1947.

The Boston Office stated that Senator Saltonstall of Massachusetts was pushing the naturalization of Deutsch, and

Since our Boston Office was not in possession of

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details of Deutsch's association with Halperin, the INS representative was told to contact Bureau headquarters through INS headquarters in Washington. (6)

On August 22, 1947, Erin P. Larsen, special inspector of the local office of INS, called at the Bureau and was referred to Supervisor Floyd Jones. Larsen was furnished briefly the facts concerning Deutsch's unauthorized possession of a document as set out in the first part of this memorandum, and it was explained to him that the disposition of the document is not known. The name of Halperin was not mentioned to him. It was further explained that the information was obtained through a source which could not be used in a hearing and that Larsen should contact the State Department for details concerning Deutsch's dismissal therefrom. (S) (U)

Larsen was advised that the Bureau could see no objection to the INS conducting an investigation of Deutsch since we were not investigating him at the present time.

ACTION: None

The foregoing is submitted for your information and for record purposes

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Washington, D. C.
August 22, 1947

MI SUMMARY

6:55 AM

PALMER WEBER (L.D. to Atlanta, Ga) for ~~DAN POWELL~~ (room 200 at the Cox-Carlton Hotel). No response. Hotel operator said he thought POWELL had spent the night out. PALMER cancelled.

9:50 AM

Unidentified man (possibly ~~HENRY COLLINS~~) for PALMER WEBER. Unident. secretary informs that WEBER hasn't come in to work yet today and might be at home. Unidentified man comments that WEBER'S home number is North 9000 (sic) and he'll try that.

10:15 AM

~~SID~~ (NYC) to ~~AL WEIGHMAN~~ (ph-previously reported as PICTMAN-ph-an employee of CIO, advising that he is all set on his new job. SID will draw \$100 a week until February 1st when he will become a member of the partnership. SID says that this is the original suggestion made to him by ABE and he's pleased about the arrangement. No decision has been made as yet as to the disposition of SID'S present business. SID explains that in this new set-up ~~WACK WEBER~~ (PH) handles the top work and legal clinics; a fellow named ~~TRUSCOTT~~ who is just an employee and who handles some of the clinics and some of the general stuff; ~~HERBERT LARKIN~~ (very phonetic), who spends most of his time on the ~~National Lawyers?~~ Guild; and SOL, who handles the labor stuff and some general practice. (u)

SID mentions that he got a letter from PALMER (WEBER) and AL comments that PALMER told AL personally that he spoke to ~~WALDEN~~ (PH) and WALDEN told PALMER that if there's any business in the East, SID is the guy who'll get it. SID says that PALMER didn't mention anything about the work of the locals, but SID will check with PALMER today on that. SID will notify ~~TROMLEY~~ (PH) today of his resignation and doubts that he will be able to take a leave of absence from his old job. SID may delay the announcement of his new job until Monday because ~~PAUL KEILGORE~~ (PH) is coming to New York to take over the regional attorney's job and SID knows PAUL. SID feels that within a year he can draw \$6000-\$6500 from the new firm. SID says that there is no compulsion upon his living over in New Jersey. MARY is SID'S wife, apparently. AL says he plans to go to NYC next week sometime.

11:55 am

~~ED FITZGERALD~~ to FRANCES in ~~MR. HAUSER'S~~ (PH) office, Department of Commerce. ED said he is back in town and will be in Monday. ED asks FRANCES to take his check to the bank and deposit it.

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FRANCES ~~WICHTENBERG?~~ to ~~ED FITZGERALD~~, saying that they won't be able to come over tonight because they can't get a sitter. ~~ED~~ will have REBEKAH asks SARAH (MAID) and REBEKAH will get in touch with FRANCES later.

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12:15 pm
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JACK THORNTON to BETTY AMARI for GENE COTTON²). BETTY says GENE is busy, but can probably call JACK in fifteen minutes. JACK will wait to hear from GENE before going to lunch. JACK wants to speak to GENE about the speech LEE PRESSMAN is giving Tuesday, as GENE is writing the speech for LEE.

12:20 pm
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DAN POWELL (Atlanta, Georgia) to CIO-PAC for PALMER WEBER. Unidentified secretary advises that WEBER is in Indianapolis, Indiana, at Claypool (PH) Hotel, % the Indiana State CIO Convention. POWELL will reach him there.

12:25 pm
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DAN POWELL (Atlanta, Georgia) to MRS. PALMER WEBER for PALMER. MRS. WEBER also advises that PALMER is speaking today at the Claypool Hotel in Indianapolis, but may not be registered there. She says PALMER will return tonight.

12:40 pm
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GENE COTTON to JACK THORNTON (CIO). JACK said he talked to "this fellow" last night and wants to put LEE PRESSMAN on a little after 12:00 on Tuesday and asks if GENE thinks LEE will have time to get back from Indianapolis. GENE said LEE isn't going to be in Indianapolis; that he is going to be in Montana. GENE said he thought JACK had arranged with LEE for Wednesday instead of Tuesday. JACK said after GENE had arranged with LEE for Wednesday JACK got a call for LEE from the people running the convention that LEE is attending out in Montana and they asked if it will be possible for LEE to be available there on Tuesday instead of Monday, and JACK said he thought it would be okay because he thought LEE would be combining the two close together and could make it. JACK said he thought they could put LEE on Tuesday morning and then he could get to Philadelphia in time for Wednesday. GENE said THERESA is going to call LEE. JACK said on Tuesday at Philadelphia they are going to have a Senator and the Mayor and in the afternoon they will have LEE, and on Wednesday it will be devoted to business, which will make it impossible to have an outsider there. GENE will pass it on to THERESA and she will have to contact LEE and see what they can work out, and JACK will contact THERESA and try to work it out with her. (u) (x)

2:15 pm
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RHODA BUXBAUM to MR. GRAVES of the Pittsburgh Courier (Hobart 2818), as requested. GRAVES says he was referred to her by the National CIO office as a source where he might obtain a break-down of the voting record of (the late) Senator BILBO of Mississippi, particularly that concerning liberal legislation regarding labor and negro interests. BUXBAUM checks and advises that her files go back to 1939-40. GRAVES says that's all right and he'll stop over at the CIO-PAC office at 4:00 P.M. to copy pertinent portions of the voting record.

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VIC ~~TASCH~~ (PH) in Schenectady to ~~CLIFFORD~~ ~~MCAVOY~~. TASCH said for MCAVOY to come Monday night, late, and be prepared to stay Tuesday and meet Tuesday night with the board and with various committees during the day and then MCAVOY will be free to leave there Wednesday morning. TASCH said it is important that MCAVOY talk to LEO, who will get to the national office (Washington) around 1:30 Monday afternoon. MCAVOY will see LEO then. TASCH said MCAVOY and LEO can't reach any conclusion, but they can exchange ideas and then MCAVOY can meet with the officials and the board Tuesday. MCAVOY is told that TASCH will reserve a room for him at the Van Curler (PH) Hotel and advise them to hold the room for him until late. TASCH says they will be having a meeting Monday night that will probably last until 11:00 at the union hall just across from the railroad station. MCAVOY will stop in when he gets in Monday night. TASCH said there is a good train out of Washington at 4:00 standard time that takes about three hours. MCAVOY says he will take that train. (c) (u)

3:30 pm

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DUNCAN LEE to ~~ISHBEL~~ LEE, who reports that about two square yards of the dining room ceiling fell down on the floor. ISHBEL will report it to ~~SCHAEFFER~~ (PH). ISHBEL tells DUNCAN to call ~~JOSEPHINE~~ ~~GIVEN~~ (2138 California, N. W., North 4934) before going over there because she sometimes goes away for the weekend. ISHBEL also tells DUNCAN to get the address for MRS. WILLIAM S. GORDON'S letter.

3:36 pm

[REDACTED]
ISHBEL LEE leaves message for MR. SCHAEFFER (PH) about the plaster falling off the ceiling in the house.

3:33 pm

[REDACTED] b2 b7D
VIRGINIA ~~PERCE~~ (CIO-PAC) to MR. ~~MULLEN~~'S (PH) office at Clareton, Pa. to ask if there is some way MULLEN can keep the Washington office advised of his whereabouts as people from all over the country are always trying to reach him. Secretary at MULLEN'S office suggests that maybe VIRGINIA can work out something with MRS. ~~MULLEN~~ at 417 Baker Street, Clareton. VIRGINIA will drop MRS. MULLEN a card in this regard.

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3:45 pm
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MR. RAGSDALE, United States News, to ALLAN REICHMAN (PH-also reported as RIGHTMAN), inquiring of whether there are sufficient developments in the labor and third party fields to prepare a story for next week's issue. REICHMAN says that of course he wouldn't have anything about a third party story. RAGSDALE comments that he just spoke with "BEANIE" BAIRD (PH) in NYC about the P.C.A. REICHMAN points out as the most interesting development at the moment in labor the STORCH campaign in the special Congressional election in Allentown, Pa. where the definite issue is the TAFT-HARTLEY Law.

3:58 pm
[REDACTED]

FRANCES (LICHTENBERG?) to REBEKAH FITZGERALD. Neither has had any luck (on getting a sitter for FRANCES). REBEKAH mentions that two nights next week she has to act as counselor for a junior Red Cross camp, to speak on public relations and a few other things. The respective families will get together tomorrow night for dinner at FRANCES' house. (u)

4:42 pm
[REDACTED]

RHODA SUXBAUM to extension 3651, State Department, (publications) to say she will be over for two copies of "Fascism in Action." (u)

8:25 pm
[REDACTED] b2 b7D

ROBERT RICHTMAN for PALMER WEBER, who is away but expected around 11:00 PM. RICHTMAN requested that PALMER call him tomorrow morning. (C)

11:30 pm
[REDACTED]

PALMER WEBER to HERBERT SCHITTEL, who is out of town until Monday night or Tuesday. PALMER will be in town until Wednesday or Thursday of next week and requested that SCHITTEL call him. b1

11:45 pm
[REDACTED]

PALMER WEBER to DAN POWELL, Atlanta, Georgia, Cox-Carlton Hotel, who checked out today; no forwarding address.

11:50 pm
[REDACTED]

PALMER WEBER to JOHNNY KULLIN, Clairton, Pennsylvania, #809. Call cancelled before completed.

11:57 pm
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PALMER WEBER to Mr. JACK GROLL, Grand view Lodge, Gull Lake, Minn. Circuits tied up two to three hours; call cancelled.

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9:42 am

Unidentified man to ISHBEL LEE to tell her he will be there on Monday morning to do some plastering.

10:06 am

PALMER WEBER to JACK KROLL (Grand View Lodge, Gull Lake, Minn.?) PALMER said he was in Allentown for two days and says things are a lot better than anyone has told JACK. PALMER said he saw RUBIN by himself, went with the Textile Workers by themselves and with C. B. NEWELL (PH) by himself. PALMER said NEWELL finally got an agreement that they would dig in and kick through about forty fulltime men for the next two weeks. PALMER said NEWELL is furnishing ten men. PALMER doesn't know how many BLOCK is going to give yet. He goes on to say the head of A.F.ofL., MCDEVITT (PH), promised to send in money and is coming back three days himself, is going to be there on Labor Day, and is putting on about ten or twelve fulltime local men. PALMER said so they are working toward around forty men all told for the last two weeks. PALMER said Textile had not moved because they had had two strikes, three elections and were having a third election one of the days PALMER was there. PALMER went on to say ED SCHMIDT (very phonetic) had been pulled out, there had been a lot of mess in the joint board, and they didn't have any money. PALMER said the man who did know the situation and could have done something was getting married to a girl in New Hampshire.

PALMER said he took the Textile people, after they had agreed on a four point program, over to the STORCH for Congress Committee and healed the breach as far as it can be healed. PALMER said then he got ahold of the "candidate." PALMER said the Democrats are sending in \$5000; that \$2500 (apparently part of the \$5000) more come through and he (PALMER) suggested that \$1000 of that go to the STORCH for Congress Committee. PALMER said that committee has raised \$5000 and expects to raise another three thousand. The five thousand has already been spent. PALMER said the money from the Democrats goes to the two county (Democrat) committees. JACK asks if the Democrats will spend it properly. PALMER said what they will do is to pay "our" people if "we" will furnish the men. PALMER said so he straightened the STORCH for Congress Committee people out and told them to furnish 100 people (continued).

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PALMER WEBER to JACK KROLL. (CONTINUED)
PALMER said it is clear ~~HENRY SCHRIER~~ (PH) and ~~SCHNEIDER~~, the big money men, aren't putting any money in behind STORCH and the Democrat State Committee won't put in anything, although they are putting \$10,000 into a judgeship race. PALMER said the Lehigh County Democratic Committee is putting in 2000, Buck County is putting in 500 and the National Committee is putting in \$5000. PALMER said in other words that makes \$7500 for the Democrats. PALMER said "our" people are raising \$8000 altogether between themselves. JACK asks if the (dollar) cards are coming in pretty well; that he wonders if PALMER thinks they will raise \$8000. PALMER said he thinks they will and that the cards are coming in pretty well; that RUBIN raised \$500 and the Textile people had \$100, which they hadn't turned in yet when he was there.

PALMER said in regard to the Textiles that ~~BILL POLLOCK~~ (PH) called up and raised hell with him about the whole business. PALMER said he (PALMER) then went up there. JACK said BILL was complaining because the campaign wasn't coordinated. PALMER said it was coordinated, and is being handled excellently. C. B. NEFFEL and BLOCK are handling it. PALMER said what happened was that the Textiles were trying to cover up for their not doing anything. PALMER said the interesting thing is that actually Textile was in such a shape that they couldn't do much around Allentown, but that they could do something in Lower Bucks County, and Bristol as they have 1000 Textile Hosiery Workers that operate out of the Philadelphia Joint Board, and they have not been touched. PALMER said he wanted to call BILL POLLOCK and talk to him about that.

PALMER said ~~AL REICHMAN~~ (PH) came up there with him and stayed two and a half days and took over the production of all their publicity, and is going back there this Monday to stay through the end of the campaign. PALMER said he got hold of ~~CARL WEBER~~ (PH) of the Newspaper Guild, who is staying with STORCH every minute. PALMER said he instructed STORCH to shake hands with 1000 people a day until election day. PALMER said he talked to ~~BEENMAN~~ (PH), who is the county chairman of Lehigh from a year and a half ago, and PALMER thinks he has the friction straightened out between the Democrats and the STORCH for Congress Committee. PALMER said ~~MCDEVITT~~, State head of the A.F. of L., is sending in people and giving money and kicking up the Teamsters. PALMER said they had a local of 1500 Teamsters that wasn't moving, and MCDEVITT called ~~DON TOBIN~~ (PH) in San Francisco. PALMER said he talked to the Italian and nationality groups and said Labor Day is going to be terrific; that ~~JACK PATOSKY~~ (PH) is coming down, although he can't speak as he is in ill health and the doctor has forbidden him to speak. ~~LEO CRITSKY~~ (PH) is going to give PATOSKY'S speech.

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PALMER WEBER to JACK KROLL. (CONTINUED)
PALMER said the real problem, though no one has mentioned it, is the UAW; that it is a problem in both counties. PALMER said he has gotten uniformly bad reports on MCTAMMANY from everyone; from BLOCK; from NEWELL; from SCHAEFLANDER (PH); from STORCH and the rest. PALMER said he got stories about drinking, women and hotel rooms. PALMER said they had a policy meeting in Bristol with UAW and FLETCHIE (PH MCTAMMANY?) was notified, but didn't show up.

PALMER said the UAW Mack Truck local with 4000 people did get out one man in Allentown. PALMER continued that HUBIN made the point to him that one man can never do that job; that the local is not in too good a financial condition; that they had a terrible strike out there, which they came through all right, but that they need five or six people full time right now. PALMER said the other half of the problem is the Bristol situation where Auto has 2800 unemployed and 1100 working. PALMER said both of these locals voted for REUTHER for President. PALMER said he talked to MCTAMMANY about it twelve days ago and MCTAMMANY can't get the key leadership in these locals in motion.

PALMER said they (UAW) are doing a little something. PALMER said for instance they will give him one man; that they first put on a man named MULLIGAN, who they left on seven days and then replaced him with another man. PALMER said that won't handle it. PALMER said because he (PALMER) knew it wouldn't, he called NEWELL'S attention to the fact that there were steel workers living in Burlington County, New Jersey that work in Burlington that live in lower Buck. PALMER said so he got hold of PENNINGTON (PH), his steel man, "one of those twelve steel people," and put him to work on it. PALMER said NEWELL threw state Senator HOLLAND out of the district and also threw CIO regional director WALSH out of the district and when JOHNNY MULLIN came he assumed MULLIN was interfering and intervening and told MULLIN to get out of the district in a nice way. PALMER said that needn't complicate JACK'S problems because MULLIN understands it.

JACK asks if VERDA (BARNES) is in there (around Allentown). PALMER said not, and that she shouldn't go back in there as she couldn't handle that situation. JACK said VERDA could handle the women. PALMER suggests that he (PALMER) call GEORGE ADDES, who he (PALMER) knows very well and tell GEORGE what the situations are and asks him what should be done. This is in particular to whether it should be taken up with WALTER REUTHER.

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PALMER WEBER to JACK KROLL. (CONTINUED)
JACK asks about ~~TELFORD DUDLEY~~. PALMER said DUDLEY is organizing laundry workers; that apparently someone scared him at the board meeting.

10:22 am

PALMER WEBER for BILL POLLOCK (PH) at Algonquin 4-7885, NYC, "Textile Workers." He is not there and cannot be reached.

10:25 am

PALMER WEBER to TRinity 1-6600, Detroit, at UAWA office for GEORGE ADDES. No answer. There was no home number listed for ADDES. Cancelled.

10:31 am

PALMER WEBER to Clairton, Pennsylvania, 809, to ~~JOHNNY WILLIAMS~~. PALMER recounted the details he set out earlier in his conversation with JACK KROLL:

11:12 am

PALMER WEBER to GERTRUDE WEBER to say he is just leaving now for the King-Smith School. He has to go to the railway station to pick up his bags, as his trunks (swim) are in them. He will then come by (he imagines in an hour) and take them up to the pool at Georgetown.

12:00 am

~~BARNEY (LEROY)~~ to ~~JENNIE MILLER~~ to say he talked to ~~KRAMER (CHARLIE?)~~ about a job for ~~FLO (SLIM)~~, and KRAMER said he didn't have one right now, but that FLO should come in to see him. JENNIE says FLO is away on vacation right now and will be back the early part of September. BARNEY says KRAMER is a nice fellow, but is neurotic and "flies off the handle" sometimes.

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1:56 pm [REDACTED] ELIZABETH FRIEDMAN to EMILY CONDON to ask her to bring two loaves of bread and also their own towels, as she has had so many guests she is short of towels.

1:59 pm [REDACTED] HUGH [REDACTED] to EMILY CONDON. EMILY says they hope to leave for a picnic at the FRIEDMANS soon. HUGH is to get some cold cuts and bring his own towel as they are also going swimming. The CONDONs will pick HUGH up at his apartment. HUGH was talking to EMILY at the time from the Statler Hotel. (u)

2:03 pm [REDACTED] DUNCAN LEE to ISHEEL LEE saying he hasn't had lunch yet and will be home in fifteen minutes.

2:07 pm [REDACTED] PALMER WEBER to GERTRUDE WEBER to say he is still at the board meeting (King Smith School) and it will be over in about twenty minutes. GERTRUDE and child will go on over to the pool at 35th and ? and PALMER will join them there later. GERTRUDE has a pair of swim trunks she has at the house for PALMER so he will not have to get a pair out of his bags which are at the station.

2:13 pm [REDACTED] b2 b7D CLIFF (MCAVOY) to GERTRUDE WEBER to say he will be glad to come to dinner. GERTRUDE says to come at 6:30. GERTRUDE says PALMER got stuck in a board meeting at the King Smith School.

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3:40 pm [REDACTED] b2 b7D DUNCAN FALKMAN to JENNIE MILLER. JENNIE says BOB is in New York and she doesn't think he will be home this weekend, though he may fly back this afternoon if he can get away. DUNCAN said JULIE LYNCH (H) called him yesterday morning and said something about translating for some of "these strange visiting firemen." JENNIE asked from what language. DUNCAN said

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DUNCAN AIKMAN to JENNIE MILLER. (CONTINUED)
he supposes Malay or whatever they speak in Borneo. JENNIE said she asked BOB about that last night and he said they were using English and French. DUNCAN said of course some of them used those languages. DUNCAN said he was only going to make some suggestions as to people that might have a list of translators. DUNCAN suggested that JOSEPH BARNES, Foreign Editor of the Herald Tribune, in New York who BOB knows saying that he had a good deal to do with recruiting the translators for O.W.I. in the old days. DUNCAN said if JOSEPH can't help he can surely refer them to someone. DUNCAN said if JOE can't help then he (DUNCAN) has been told ~~LEO BINKUS~~ in the State Department on extension 3594 might know it pretty well from the O.W.I. angle here. LEO is out of town for the weekend. JENNIE expects to speak to BOB on the phone tonight and will tell him the foregoing.

6:35 pm

Unid. man to PALMER WEBER, who says that he has an Indian chap over and invites unid. man to visit. Unid. man has friend from Ann Arbor at the hotel waiting to take him and his wife to dinner.

They discuss the King-Smith meeting, and WEBER said that he thinks he almost killed Mr. and Mrs. King-Smith for she was about ready to collapse. Unid. man said that he has heard from other sources that when the collapse comes it's with great anger and bombast. Unid. man suggested that they just cloud up and get tearful, and WEBER added "petulant".

WEBER said that "we are borrowing \$18,000 in order to save their \$35,000", and he thought it fair for them to carry half of the \$18,000 rather than say it isn't worth \$15,000. WEBER felt that putting it on the basis that we are not going to be able to operate because of debt load removes it from the subjective world and removes it from an attack on their prestige and standing, etc. Unid. man said that he now feels they have a chance before the final negotiation on the goodwill goes through, and he thought that maybe they could get ~~ANN KID~~ (ph) with them.

WEBER said that ANN began to think about the debt load and saw her salary go floating out the window. Unid. man said he thought that when things get moving, they should try to get the ~~King-Smiths~~ to give a contribution to the school in terms of maybe \$7500 worth of goodwill or something. They agreed that \$53,000 worth of debts is a helluva way to start out.

WEBER felt that in addition to being in financial difficulties, the King-Smiths are not emotionally in balance; consequently, he felt that if they could save their (King-Smith's) emotions and make them/that they are doing a great thing, "which they are if they give us the \$9,000 plus no interest on it",

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that would be the best way. Unid. man felt that working on ANN KID to get her to help "get that" (\$9,000?), would be the best way.

Unid. man said that if they (King-Smith's) see that the school is going to sink if they overload it with debt, "I have a feeling that they'll come through. Somewhere along the line if they get to feel guilty for the way in which we were all brought—that's what I did, incidentally, when you were talking to ~~WHITESMAN~~ (ph). ANN brought up that this \$9,000 idea was all well and good, but we would have been a lot farther behind if we had started off the school with nothing, at which point I said we were not brought in to start off a school, we were brought in simply to help the reorganization."

Unid. man said that MATA (ph - his wife) appreciated the invitation, and suggested that they will get together soon.

7:10 pm

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Unid. man at PALMER WEBER's to Associated Press for election returns on election in 9th and 16th Congressional districts of Texas. Nothing yet available.

8:10 pm

Mr. ~~LANSNER~~ (ph) to PALMER WEBER, who invites LANSNER and his wife, VIRGINIA, to the WEBER's for a visit tonight.

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9:45 am

Unidentified man (spoke with Irish (?) accent) to GERTRUDE WEBER. The man said that he had told PALMER that he would ring up this morning. GERTRUDE told the man that the WEBERS were going out somewhere to get some air and sunshine today and asked the man if he would like to come along. The man said he had to do some work

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10:42 am
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COLEMAN ROSENBERGER to PALMER WEBER. COLEMAN suggested to PALMER that he have Congressman BENDER (of Ohio) issue press releases each day for the next couple of days in conjunction with the Greek Cabinet situation. PALMER said he would try to contact BENDER at his brother's house outside Cleveland, Ohio. (c) b1

10:45 am
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PALMER WEBER to Congressman GEORGE H. BENDER at BENDER's brother's house at Chagrin Falls, Ohio, 8311. (u)

W - GEORGE?

B - Yes.

W - PALMER.

B - Hello PALMER.

W - I hear you've lost 30 pounds.

B - Yeah, I have.

W - I congratulate you, Honey. That shows good common sense.

B - How are you, my friend?

W - I'm in good shape. Pretty tired. Working hard.

B - Did you get my letter?

W - Not yet. I hear you're sending me some seed corn.

B - Yea- Who told you that?

W - COLEMAN (ROSENBERGER). I just talk- talked to him.

B - Oh, I see. (Laughter).

W - (Laughter) You made 3 front page stories down here.

B - Is that so?

W - Headlines. Why on earth did you say that tax- Ta- (Senator) TAFT had no sex appeal? (Laughter)

B - Why, isn't that all right?

W - You're going to get the reputation as a man that tells the truth if you're not careful.

B - Well- That didn't hurt him any.

W - No, I know it.

B - Uh huh.

W - Listen GEORGE, you notice from the morning's papers that Greece is on the front page.

B - Yes.

W - Now, it's going to stay there for probably the next 4 or 5 days.

B - Yeah.

W - Probably the next week.

B - Yeah.

W - If you issued a 2 paragraph statement every day to the Press Associations there in Cleveland you would ride right with the body of that story on the front page.

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PALMER WEBER to Congressman GEORGE H. BENDER. (CONTINUED)

B - Yeah.
W - Understand?
B - Uh huh.
W - You would ride right with the body of the story on the front page if you issued 2 paragraphs a day.
B - The Cleveland paper here, of course, carried my- carried my piece and put a twist onto it as a non-militarist, you know and-
W - Uhh-
B - More or less of a pacifist and I thin- I imagine tomorrow morning they'll sack me about it. Don't you think?
W - They might.
B - Yeah.
W - They might but you see this crisis--
B - That is good stuff though?
W - Oh God, yes!
B - Uh huh.
W - Yes sir.
B - Uh huh.
W - You notice- Have you read the Greek story this morning?
B - I've read it casually.
W - You notice it said, "American officials perturbed. Distrust created in Washington."
B - Yeah.
W - So forth, you see.
B - Yeah.
W - Why should a government have a crisis?
B - Yeah.
W - That's twelve ships on the high seas bringing 'em military goods.
B - Yeah.
W - What kind of government is it that we're supporting?
B - Yeah.
W - Understand?
B - Yeah.
W - Now wha- what I thought was this- Have you got somebody there that can take shorthand?
B - No, but why don't you- Why don't you call MRS. BAUER? 215 B. 2
W - Yeah?
B - At Atlantic 6787.
W - Atlantic 6787.
B - Or the other one is Victor 4032.
W - Oh, you mean TERRY?
B - Yeah.
W - Victor-
B - 4032
W - All right.
B - You be careful what you say, however, you know.
W - Yeah.

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PALMER WEBER to Congressman GEORGE H. HENDER. (CONTINUED)

B - You- you understand what the situation is?

W - I do.

B - All right.

W - Victor 43-

B - 4032.

W - 4032, okay.

B - Yeah.

W - All right. And should we put the release out here or there?

B - No, I'll have 'em read it to me then, see.

W - And put it out from here.

B - Yeah. I'll have 'em read it to me in the morning.

W - Uh huh. But see, they'd get it out today, GEORGE.

B - Yeah.

W - It's for tomorrow morning's papers.

B - Yeah, well you- Which number you going to call?

W - I'm going to call TERRY.

B - Yeah-

W - Victor 4032.

B - Yeah, you say that I'll call there in a half an hour, will you?

W - Okay.

B - All right.

W - All right, dear.

B - Anything else--

W - You'd better let her call you, collect, because she may not be there.

B - Yeah. Well, I think she will.

W - Well, for the next 3 days I'm going to knock off a couple of paragraphs each day on this Greek deal-

B - Yeah, fine.

W - To ride with the story.

B - Good.

W - I wanted to tell you that.

B - PALMER, what's new with you?

W - Well, I'm just working like mad, honey, and my wife's lying here nursing the baby--

B - Uh huh.

W - And she's playing dominoes on the bed with my boy. They're just about 2 feet away from me.

B - Well, that's fine.

W - Vict or 4032.

B - That's right.

W - GEORGE, I was out in the field. I'm sorry I missed you when you were in here this week.

B - Well, I--

W - And on the 9th, 10th and 11th I'm due in Atlanta, Georgia.

B - Do you know where I got LEROY (BARNEY LEROY) employed over there?

W - Yes sir, I know it--

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PALMER WEBER to Congressman GEORGE H. BENDER. (CONTINUED)

B - Uh huh.

W - And I'm very, very grateful for it.

B - Well, I don't know what these guys mean to you but they should be grateful to you.

W - They're friends of mine, GEORGE.

B - Did you- Did they tell you I had the whole committee staff out to dinner the other night?

W - Yeah.

B - Uh huh.

W - Yeah. (Laughter) You wild man.

B - Yeah, I'll say.

W - Yeah.

B - Well, you-

W - I think your committee's gonna tick from now on.

B - I hope so.

W - I think so.

B - I hope there won't be any kick backs.

W - Yea- Oh, I don't think so.

B - Uh huh.

W - It might bounce on you but I doubt it.

B - Yeah, okay.

W - I mean I don't think you're going to have anything like BREWSTER had.

B - Yeah.

W - And that was a pretty bad bounce.

B - Yeah. Well, we'll be very careful.

W - That's right.

B - Okay.

W - All right, baby.

B - Tell-

W - I'll tell TERRY to call you.

B - No, I'll call there in about 15 minutes after you do.

W - Okay.

B - Okay.

W - All right, dear.

10:52 am

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PALMER WEBER to TERRY (woman) at Victor 4032. PALMER asked a small girl for MISS TERRY but addressed the woman as "TERRY". PALMER told TERRY about the preceeding conversation with BENDER. (See last entry.) PALMER told TERRY that he (PALMER) was going to dictate her a couple of pagraphs each day (statements attributed to BENDER on the Greek situation). PALMER told TERRY that BENDER was going to call her in about 15 minutes. PALMER said that when BENDER cleared what he was about to dictate to her, she should either telephone it in to the three Press Associations or mimeograph it and give it to them but to do it today for tomorrow morning release so that BENDER will ride with the story. PALMER then dictated to TERRY the following press release (after

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PALMER WEBER to TERRY. (CONTINUED)
changing several of the original words used): "The present crisis in Greece proves the stupidity on which the TRUMAN Doctrine is based. The Greek people want the corrupt Greek monarchy abolished. They will fight until it is abolished. They need a new form of government a Democratic government - not a new cabinet approved by the reactionary King PAUL. The Greek Monarchy is an international scandal (PALMER originally used "rathole" instead of "scandal"). What the Greek people need is free and fair elections. Our representatives in Greece should insist upon a genuinely representative government. There will be no peace in Greece without it." PALMER told TERRY to put a head on it called: "Statement of Congressman GEORGE BENDER on present Greek crisis." PALMER told TERRY not to wait for BENDER to call her but to call him collect and then call the U.P. A.P. and I.N.S. News Services and get it in, as well as the Washington Post and Evening Star, because he said he was afraid that if she didn't get in the release early today the wire offices would close up early today. PALMER told TERRY that he would be calling her the first thing each morning with another paragraph with another paragraph on the Greek crisis which he said she could clear (through BENDER). PALMER told TERRY that the paragraph he just dictated to her was for release in Monday morning's papers. (u) (B)

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PALMER WEBER to PEGGY HOBBS. PALMER asked for MALCOLM (MAL HOBBS) and PEGGY said he had just gone out but should be back in about a half hour. PALMER said he thought that his family (the WEBERS) might come out to PEGGY's house and spend the afternoon. PEGGY told PALMER that they had to clear out themselves because they were selling their house and it was to be open for inspection this afternoon. PEGGY said they (the HOBBS') were going out to see some people in Chevy Chase. PEGGY told PALMER that she and her husband had bought a house about a half mile out of Cherrydale in Virginia. PALMER asked PEGGY to tell her husband to give him (PALMER) a ring at the office tomorrow as he would like to have lunch with him as he hadn't seen him in a long time. PEGGY agreed to. (u) (B)

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11:40 am

PALMER WEBER to BARNEY (LEROY). PALMER opened: "GEORGE tells me you've got a job." BARNEY replied, "More or less." PALMER then told BARNEY about his conversation with GEORGE BENDER this morning. (See entry at 10:45 am.) BARNEY told PALMER that HERB (SCHIDTEL?) got out a release (for BENDER) for tomorrow morning or for today on the President's loan tying in the Greek situation. BARNEY said after that it was about the budget. PALMER told BARNEY that he had given BENDER one specifically on it.

PALMER then asked BARNEY what he was doing today. BARNEY said he and his family were supposed to go out to Virginia at about 12:30 pm today. PALMER said he had been thinking that he might come out to BARNEY's place with his kids and his family. PALMER told BARNEY that he is going to be in town until Wednesday noon or Thursday noon. PALMER said he would have lunch with BARNEY on one of these days as he wanted to talk to BARNEY about "a lot of various things." BARNEY said that what he wanted to talk to PALMER about was that he (BARNEY) had talked to HAROLD Friday and HAROLD is going to New York Tuesday "off to BEANY (ph) - and he's interested in coming out." PALMER asked whether HAROLD was interested in BARNEY joining him but at this point BARNEY asked PALMER to wait a minute while he asked his wife whether she wanted to go to Virginia. Then BARNEY told PALMER that his wife didn't want to go to Virginia and he told PALMER to come out to his house after all. They agreed that BARNEY should pick the WEBERS up about 12:30 pm and bring them out.

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PALMER WEBER to BARNEY (LEROY) AGAIN. PALMER told BARNEY that he had made a mistake as it seemed that his wife (GERTRUDE) had other plans. PALMER asked BARNEY to make an appointment with him for lunch tomorrow.

12:00 N.

ELEANOR (LEROY) to JENNIE MILLER. ELEANOR invited JENNIE and her family over to spend the day at her house and have dinner. Agreed. ELEANOR said BARNEY (LEROY) would pick the MILLERS up around 12:30 pm.

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GERTRUDE WEBER to "BUY" (PH - same man GERTRUDE spoke to at 9:45 am today - Professor ~~BYAN~~ CHAND?) GERTRUDE told the man that she and the family were taking a walk to the park in about 10 minutes and would pass by the man's place. The man confirmed that he was alone. GERTRUDE asked the man if he would like to join them and he agreed to.

3:55 PM
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BERTHA _____ to ED FITZGERALD to extent sympathy because of death of ED's father. Personal chatter. ED said they would get together soon.

5:05 PM
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L.D. operator (New York) for HENNIE MILLER who is out. Operator told unidentified woman that N.Y. would try later. (u) (x)

7:45 PM
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Unidentified man and unidentified woman. Russian for translation.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

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DATE: August 25, 1947

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN GEORGE H. BENDER (REF.), OHIO

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

In connection with our investigation of the Gregory Case, it was learned that Palmer Weber, the Washington representative of CIO-PAC, is a close associate of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and David R. Jahl, a known contact of numerous subjects in the Gregory case.

Through a technical source covering the residence of Palmer Weber, the following information was received at 10:45 A.M. on Sunday, August 24, 1947. Palmer Weber contacted Congressman George H. Bender at the Congressman's brother's home at Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Weber called Bender's attention to the front-page story in the Sunday morning paper about Greece and commented that the Greek situation would be on the front pages of the papers for about a week. Weber suggested that Bender issue a two-paragraph statement every day to the press in Cleveland about the Greek situation stating, "You would ride right with the body of that story on the front page." (u)

Weber inquired if the Congressman had someone at hand who could take shorthand. Bender suggested that Weber call either a Mrs. Bauer at Atlantic 6787, or a woman named Terry at Victor 4032 in Washington, and dictate a press release to one of these women as a story coming from the Congressman. He cautioned Weber to be careful what he said. It was arranged that after Weber dictated the press release that the woman to whom it was dictated would contact Congressman Bender for his approval. (u)

Immediately thereafter, Palmer Weber contacted Terry at Victor 4032 and dictated the following press release to her:

"The present crisis in Greece proves the stupidity on which the Truman doctrine is based. The Greek people want the corrupt Greek Monarchy abolished. They will fight until it is abolished. They need a new form of government - a Democratic government - not a new cabinet approved by the reactionary King Paul. The Greek Monarchy is an international scandal. What the Greek people need is free and fair elections. Our representatives in Greece should insist upon a genuinely representative government. There will be no peace in Greece without it."

Palmer Weber told the woman to put a heading on the release as follows: "Statement of Congressman George Bender on Present Greek Crisis." (u)

Weber told Terry not to wait for Congressman Bender to call her but to call the Congressman collect and then call the UP, AP, and INS News Services and get the release in, as well as the Washington Post and Evening Star, since he said he was afraid that if she did not get it in early, that the wire offices would close. Weber told Terry that he would be calling her the first thing each morning with another paragraph on the Greek crisis which he said she could clear through Congressman Bender. He said that the paragraph he just dictated was for release in Monday Morning's papers. (u)

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The identity of the woman named Terry at Victor 4032 is not known and the Washington Field Office is making efforts to determine her identity. (S) (u)

A review of the Washington Post, the Evening Star, and the Washington Daily News for Monday, August 25, failed to reflect that this release was printed in any of those papers. It is of further interest to note that Coleman ~~Rosenberger~~ and ~~Barney LeRoy~~, both liberal minded individuals, are associated with Congressman Bender. Bender is head of a Subcommittee on Expenditures, which is part of a Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments headed by Representative ~~Claire Hoffman~~, Republican, of Michigan. (S) (u)

As a sidelight, it is of further interest to note that the attached clipping from the Washington Post dated August 25, 1947, states that Representative Bender and his House Subcommittee will investigate certain fraud and overpayments in connection with war contract settlements. He asserted that the Justice Department had failed to prosecute 93 fraud cases referred to it and a report on the disposition of these cases has been asked by the Expenditures Subcommittee, of which he is Chairman.

ACTION:

The foregoing is submitted for your information and you will be kept advised of any further developments in the relationship between Weber and Congressma Bender. The Technical Log covering the above is attached hereto. (S) (u)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director
 FROM : D. M. Ladd
 SUBJECT: GREGORY CASE

DATE: September 5, 1947

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 Tele. Room ✓
 Mr. Nease ✓
 Miss Beahm ✓
 Miss Gandy ✓

You will recall that when the Attorney General instructed the Bureau to interview the subjects in this case, he instructed the Bureau to hold in abeyance the interviews with Harry Dexter White, Lauchlin B. Currie, John Abt, Charles Kramer and Earl Browder until such time as he deemed it advisable to have these interviews made.

Subsequently the Department issued instructions to interview the above five persons and the results of the interviews are set out briefly as follows:

Harry Dexter White (S)(U)

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You will recall that Harry Dexter White was formerly Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and according to Gregory was supplying the Silvermasters with information obtained in the course of his duties at the Treasury Department. Gregory also stated that White was a close friend of Abraham George Silverman and William Ludwig Ullmann, who reportedly furnished information to the Silvermasters. Gregory stated White was considered one of the most valuable assets to the Silvermasters, since he was in a position to assign persons of potent value to the Treasury Department. Gregory also stated that Harry White was instrumental in placing Mrs. Sonie Gold, a subject of this case in the Treasury Department in Harry White's office as White's secretary.

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White was interviewed by Agents of the New York Office on August 15, 1947. He admitted personal friendship with Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and his wife, whom he stated he has known since 1934. He said that most of his contacts with Silvermaster were on a social basis and that he had called at the Silvermaster's home with his wife and that the Silvermasters had also visited White's residence. He denied all knowledge of any espionage activities on the part of Silvermaster, who he described as an "economic philosopher." He admitted personal, as well as business, acquaintanceship with William Ullmann, Harold Glasser, William H. Taylor and Sol Adler, all of whom were at one time employed by the Treasury Department. He admitted that any of these individuals may possibly have taken home with them work from the Treasury Department to be completed at home; that the work might have been of a confidential nature, but he denied that Silvermaster had influenced him to place any of these individuals in positions where they might have had access to confidential material and which would have eventually been passed on to the Silvermasters. White admitted that he took a personal interest in Ullmann because of his close friendship with Silver-

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master and said it was quite possible that he might have given Ullmann a promotion on the basis of his friendship with Silvermaster. White denied that he employed Mrs. Sonie Gold at the suggestion of Silvermaster, stating that he knew Mrs. Gold was employed by the Treasury Department but that her position was that of an economist and not his secretary, as it was alleged previously by Gregory. (S)(u)

He admitted a very close personal relationship with George Silverman and Lauchlin Currie. He admitted casual acquaintanceship with Victor Perlo and social acquaintanceship with Charles Kramer, Harry Magdoff and Irving Kaplan, subjects in this case. (S)(u)

Harry White denied membership in the Communist Party and denied that any of the persons mentioned to him to his knowledge were members of the Communist Party. He stated he was aware that an investigation was being conducted by the Government concerning certain persons employed by the Government and that this came to his knowledge through the newspapers and also through Frank Coe and George Silverman, two other subjects, who had both discussed with him the Grand Jury investigation being conducted in New York City. (S)(u)

Lauchlin B. Currie (S)(u)

Gregory stated that Currie orally furnished George Silverman information on various matters. On one occasion during the latter part of 1942 and the early part of 1943, Currie reportedly advised Silverman that the United States was on the verge of breaking the Soviet code. Gregory also stated that after Jacob Golos died that Silvermaster discussed with Gregory's Russian contact the advisability of introducing Currie directly to this Russian contact. Gregory stated, however, that such a meeting was probably never arranged. Currie during this period, was a personal advisor to former President Roosevelt. (S)(u)

Interview (S)(u)

Lauchlin Currie was interviewed by Agents of the New York Office on July 31, 1947. He admitted knowing George Silverman since 1927 on a rather friendly basis and said that he had heard from him within the past month. As to Silvermaster, he stated he first met him in 1940 and had been to his home on several occasions. On one occasion while at the Silvermasters and in the company of William L. Ullmann, he was shown a photographic workshop in the Silvermasters' basement. Currie stated that he first met Anatoli B. Gromov (who has been identified as "Al" in this case) sometime in 1944; that he visited at Gromov's house once in 1945 and this visit was returned; that he saw Gromov on at least two other occasions after he left the Government service in June, 1945. (S)(u)

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Concerning Abraham George Silverman, he said that he did not recall discussing with him the fact that the U. S. was about to break the Soviet code. He stated that because of his contacts it was possible that he had heard that the U. S. was about to break the Soviet code and that he might possibly have discussed the matter with Silverman because Silverman was holding a highly responsible Government position. (S) (u)

Currie denied furnishing any information knowingly or otherwise to the Russians or anyone remotely connected with them. He stated he had been expecting to be interviewed as he had heard from subject Frank Coe. He said Coe had told him he had received a subpoena and it would be necessary for him to mention knowing Currie. He said he had also been in contact with Silverman, who mentioned something about the investigation and advised him that he was not discussing the matter upon the advice of his attorney. (S) (u)

[John Abt] (S) (u)

Gregory advised that in the spring of 1944, arrangements were made by Earl Browder after Golos died for Gregory to meet a group from Washington in the apartment of John Abt in New York City; that this meeting took place on or about February 27, 1944, on a Sunday afternoon and that besides Abt there were present Charles Kramer, Harry Magdoff, Victor Perlo and Edward Fitzgerald. A discussion was had as to the type of information to be furnished Gregory by these individuals. (S) (u)

[Interview] (S) (u)

John Abt was interviewed by Agents of the New York Office August 1, 1947 and he refused to answer any questions unless the facts of the case were divulged to him. He stated that if the details of the case were made known to him he "might or might not answer questions." Abt stated he could not remember any meeting having taken place in his apartment at 444 Central Park West, Apartment 10D, at which the above mentioned persons were present. He admitted knowing Harold Ware, the deceased husband of his present wife, Jessica Smith, while both Abt and Ware were residing in Washington, D. C., and allegedly were connected with a Communist underground parallel. He denied belonging to any group or club with Ware while they were associated with one another in Washington. The interview was terminated when Abt remarked, "I will discuss only the weather with you." (S) (u)

[Charles Kramer] (S) (u)

Gregory advised that Kramer was a member of the Perlo Group and was present in John Abt's apartment in the spring of 1944, as set out above. You

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will recall that Kramer is a close associate of Senator Claude Pepper and is known to have written speeches for the Senator. (S)(u)

Interview (S)(u)

Charles Kramer was interviewed by Agents of the Washington Field Office on August 27, 1947. Kramer, when advised that the interview concerned his activities during the period he was employed by the U. S. Government, stated, "I would rather not discuss it." He finally indicated that he had been the victim of a smear campaign which had damaged his reputation and jeopardized his position on Capitol Hill. He said he had learned of this smear campaign from persons other than his friends, although he intimated his friends had informed him similarly. He declined to supply the names of these persons. He said that the Attorney General had "smeared" him and indicated he resented this very deeply and for this reason declined to cooperate with the Department of Justice, although he recognized his responsibility as a good citizen. After he recovered from his original surprise and shock at being interviewed, he became very sullen and determinedly uncooperative. (S)(u)

Earl Browder (S)(u)

You will recall that, according to Gregory, Browder was instrumental, along with Jacob Golos, in setting up the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation as a cover for espionage activities. Browder allegedly furnished \$15,000 of the \$20,000 original stock in this corporation. Gregory stated that Browder undoubtedly had full knowledge of the parallels being operated by Golos. (S)(u)

Interview (S)(u)

Earl Browder was interviewed by Agents of the New York Office on August 27, 1947. He denied that he ever had any connection with or knowledge of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation. He made the statement: "In view of the Government's present attitude toward the Communist Party and their contention that it is a criminal syndicate, I wish to state that if the ultimate purpose of this investigation is to determine my knowledge of the Communist Party, I will decline to discuss my connection with the Party or my knowledge of any other persons connected with the Communist Party." He thereafter admitted that he had met John Reynolds, president of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation, socially on one or two occasions. He stated that he had never advanced money to Reynolds for any purpose whatever. When asked if he had ever received any money from Reynolds, Browder declined to comment without first consulting with Reynolds. It is interesting to note that Gregory has stated that she has paid approximately \$3000 to William Browder for delivery to Earl Browder. This money came out of the funds of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation at Reynolds' instructions. (S)

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Browder stated he had known Jacob Golos for approximately twenty years and that Golos had arranged passage abroad through ~~World Tourists~~ for Browder on numerous occasions and had loaned Browder some Russian pamphlets and books on a personal basis. He denied that Golos had ever furnished him any information or material that came from U. S. Government sources. He admitted knowing John Abt as an attorney for the ~~Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America~~ but denied he had ever arranged for a meeting between any persons in John Abt's apartment. Browder stated he knew of no persons who had gathered information from U. S. Government sources and later furnished it to unauthorized persons. He denied that he had ever directed any person to work on behalf of any individual gathering information in this country or furnishing restricted information to persons working for sources outside of the United States. (S)

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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EDWIN B. and LOUISE ROSSKAM, now residing at #103 Calle Villamil, Santurce (San Juan) Puerto Rico. **JACK and IRENE DELANO** continue residing at #25 Ponce de León Avenue, San Juan.

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Known associations of ROSSKAMS and DELANOS reflected. **(S)(u)**

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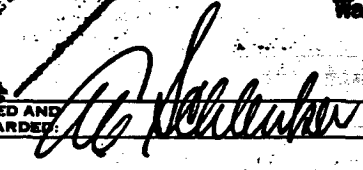
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Report of SA ALLAN GILLIES dated 3-22-47 at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

DETAILS:

AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO:

As of June 30, 1947 the Office of Puerto Rico in Washington and the Office of Information, which had maintained offices in San Juan, Puerto Rico, New York City, and Washington, D. C., were consolidated into the Office of

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Information of Puerto Rico under the direction of ~~EMILIO SOLON~~, as Director, stationed in Washington. As Assistant Director, managing the New York Office, is one ~~LEONARD SUBSMAN~~, and ~~ANTULIO RODRIGUEZ~~ is the Assistant Director who manages the office located at La Fortaleza, the Governor's Office, San Juan.

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JACK and IRENE DEIANO continue residing at #25 Ponce de León Avenue, Santurce (San Juan), Puerto Rico. (S)(u)

Investigation reveals that ~~EDWIN~~ and ~~LOUISE ROSSKAM~~ recently moved from the Gallardo Apartments in Santurce to #103 Villamil Street, Santurce, near the corner of Wilson Avenue, and are residing on the second floor of a private dwelling house. They drive a black Pontiac two-door sedan bearing license plate #11763. (S)(u)

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Both CHARLES E. ROTKIN and ADELE ROTKIN nee Diamond, according to information in the San Juan Office, have been described as "Soviet apologists," and pro-Communists in their conversations. (S)(u)

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Information in the San Juan files reflects that the ROTKINS are close friends of ARTHUR BRANDON HOWELL, known Communist, and member of the Partido Comanista Puertorriqueño. Previously reported information reflects that Howell associates also with the ROSSKAMS and the DELANOS. It is noted that ARTHUR BRANDON HOWELL on August 24, 1947 was elected Secretary of Education and Propaganda, Party Section Two, Partido Comunista Puertorriqueño, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

A sixty-day mail cover on the DELANOS and the ROSSKAMS, effective April 28, 1947, was negative. (S) (u)

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THE SAN JUAN DIVISION

AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

Will maintain contact with (Informant T-1) herein, in an attempt further to determine the activities in Puerto Rico of the ROSSKAMS and DELANOS. *for u* (X LU)

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RE: GREGORY CASE;
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This investigation has been under way for a considerable period of time. Numerous leads have been set out for the Los Angeles office by letters from various field offices. A specific lead set out by the Washington Field Office, by letter dated March 26, 1947, has not been covered. A thorough review of the file should be made for the purpose of determining all outstanding leads and they should be summarized in a memorandum for the file for ready reference. All outstanding leads should be promptly covered and the appropriate report submitted in this connection. It is noted that this case has been considered by the Bureau as one of its outstanding Espionage investigations.

SAC HOOD:

Inspector's comments have been noted and suggestions outlined therein shall be followed in the immediate future.

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GREGORY, ESPIONAGE R. HARRY DEXTER WHITE INTERVIEWED AT HIS RESIDENCE
THREE THREE FOUR WEST EIGHTY SIXTH ST, NYC, TODAY, BY AGENTS OF THIS
OFFICE. WHITE ADMITTED PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP WITH NATHAN GREGORY SILVER-
MASTER AND WIFE, WHOM HE STATES HE HAS KNOWN SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR,
AT WHICH TIME WHITE WAS FIRST EMPLOYED BY THE US GOVERNMENT. WHITE
STATED THAT MOST OF HIS CONTACTS WITH SILVERMASTER WERE ON A SOCIAL
BASIS AND THAT HE HAD CALLED AT THE SILVERMASTERS HOME WITH HIS WIFE,
AND THE SILVERMASTERS HAD ALSO VISITED HIS HOME. WHITE DENIED ALL
KNOWLEDGE OF ANY ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY SILVERMASTER AND
TERMED SILVERMASTER AND "ECONOMIC PHILOSOPHER". WHITE ALSO ADMITTED
PERSONAL AS WELL AS BUSINESS ACQUAINTANCESHIP WITH ULLMAN, GLASSER,
WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR, AND SOL ADLER. WHITE ADMITTED THAT ANY OF THESE
INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED HEREINBEFORE MAY POSSIBLE HAVE TAKEN HOME WORK
FROM THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT TO BE COMPLETED AT HOME, AND THE WORK
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HAD INFLUENCED HIM TO PLACE ANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS IN POSITIONS WHERE

THEY MIGHT HAVE ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL AND WHICH WOULD EVENTUALLY BE PASSED ON TO SILVERMASTER. WHITE ADMITTED THAT HE TOOK A PERSONAL INTEREST IN LUDWIG ULLMAN BECAUSE OF HIS CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH

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SILVERMASTER, AND STATED THAT IT WAS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT HE MIGHT HAVE GIVEN ULLMAN A PROMOTION ON THE BASIS OF HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH SILVERMASTER. WHITE DENIED THAT HE EMPLOYED MRS. SONYA GOLD AT THE SUGGESTION OF SILVERMASTER, STATING THAT HE KNEW MRS. GOLD WAS EMPLOYED BY THE TREASURY DEPT., BUT THAT HER POSITION WAS THAT OF AN ECONOMIST AND NOT HIS SECRETARY, AS PREVIOUSLY INFERRED BY INFORMANT GREGORY IN HER ORIGINAL STATEMENT. WHITE ADMITTED A VERY CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GEORGE SILVERMAN, WHOM HE CLAIMED HE MET AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY, ALSO WITH LAUCHLIN CURRIE, WHOM HE MET AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY. HE ADMITTED ONLY CASUAL ACQUAINTANCESHIP WITH VICTOR PERLO, AND ADMITTED SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCESHIP WITH KRAMER, MAGDOFF AND IRVING KAPLAN. WHITE DENIED MEMBERSHIP IN THE CP AND DENIED KNOWLEDGE THAT ANY OF THE PERSONS MENTIONED TO HIM WERE MEMBERS OF THE CP. HE ALSO CLAIMED HE NEVER PERSONALLY ^{Knew} ANY PERSON WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE CP. WHITE STATED HE WAS BORN OCT TWENTY NINE, EIGHTEEN NINETY TWO IN BOSTON, MASS. HIS FATHERS NAME WAS JOSEPH AND MOTHERS NAME SARAH. HE STATED HE THOUGHT HIS PARENTS WERE BORN IN LITHUANIA OR POLAND, BUT COULD NOT STATE EXACTLY. WHITE THEN REFUSED TO DISCUSS OR ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING HIS FAMILY. WHITE STATED HE WAS AWARE THAT AN INVESTIGATION WAS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE US GOVERNMENT CONCERNING CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS EMPLOYED BY THE GOVERNMENT WHO WERE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE. HE STATED HE CAME ABOUT THIS KNOWLEDGE BY

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READING THE NEWSPAPERS AND ALSO THAT FRANK COE AND GEORGE SILVERMAN HAD BOTH DISCUSSED WITH HIM THE GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION PRESENTLY BEING CONDUCTED IN NYC. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHITE STATED HE WAS WILLING TO COOPERATE IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE IN THIS INVESTIGATION AND EMPHATICALLY EXPRESSED HIS LOYALTY TO THE US.

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CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE ON ALL SUBJECTS WHO HAVE APPEARED OR MAY
APPEAR BEFORE GJ IN NYC. [INFO RECD TODAY THAT JULES KORCHIEN HAS
RESERFATIONS TO DEPART FROM NYC VIA TWA FLIGHT NO. FIFTY NINE, THREE
THIRTY PM EST, FOR LA, CALIF., DUE TO ARRIVE ELEVEN THIRTYFIVE
PM PACIFIC STANDARD TIME, THIS DATE, AND HAS RESERVATIONFOR RETURN FLIG
FROM LA ON SEPT. TWENTYFIRST NEXT.] IN VIEW OF FACT KORCHIEN MAY BE
SUBPOENAED BEFORE GJ IN NYC, IT IS REQUESTED THAT BUREAU ADVISE
LA IF A SURVEILLANCE OF KORCHIEN OR SPOT CHECK OF HIS ACTIVITIES
WHILE IN LA IS DESIRED. (DEPARTURE OF KORCHIEN FROM NYC THIS DATE
WILL BE CHECKED BY AGENTS OF NYO AND BUREAU ADVISED.)

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GREGORY, ESPIONAGE R. T. J. DONEGAN ADVISED [REDACTED] DID NOT APPEAR TODAY AND THAT SERVICE OF SUBPOENA HAS PROBABLY NOT YET BEEN MADE ON HIM. [REDACTED]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 9, 1947

FROM : SAC, Charlotte

SUBJECT: GREGORY
ESPIONAGE - R
(Bureau file: 65-56402)

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau dated April 18, 1947.

Referenced letter sets forth the interview of MARY WATKINS PRICE by Agents of the New York Office at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1947. Investigation conducted regarding MARY WATKINS PRICE in the Charlotte Division has been set forth in previous reports submitted by this office.

In view of the fact that subject PRICE has now been interviewed, and all investigation completed in this office, this case is being considered RUC'd unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

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DATE: September 4, 1947

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: GREGORY
ESPIONAGE - R

Pursuant to telephone conversation tonight between Special Agent Eugene W. Walsh of this office and Mr. Earl Milnes of the Bureau there is being forwarded herewith a copy of the column entitled "Washington Memo" which appears on page four of the New York Post of September 4, 1947.

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 and William G. Meyer Jr.

'Top Secret' Probe of Communists By N. Y. Jury Has Capital Buzzing

Washington, Sept. 4

The capital's most widely discussed "top secret" concerns the sessions of a Federal Grand Jury that has been sitting in melodramatic privacy in New York City for several weeks. It was summoned to weigh a wide variety of evidence about the operations of the American Communist network. There is a real possibility that its deliberations will produce an unprecedented crack-down on key figures in the Communist movement. But there is an equal chance that the ferors will go home without returning any indictments.

Existence of the probe has been reported on several occasions in fragmentary and agitated dispatches from this city. Recently several anti-Administration newspapers have darkly hinted that subversive influences within the Truman regime are trying to smash the inquiry before the culprits are caught. These alarms are utterly unfounded. They merely indicate there is a wide gap between the most plausible allegations against the Communists and the establishment of evidence that provides the basis for effective prosecution under existing laws.



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Out of the welter of rumors, reports and counter-intelligence provoked by the grand jury sessions Washington Memo has obtained from several independent sources a picture of the potential scope of the investigation. Two major lines are being pursued:

1. Top-ranking officials of the Communist Party have been called before the jury and questioned extensively on their relationship with the Soviet Government. The objective of this phase of the inquiry is to show that the Communist chieftains are actually "foreign agents" and are guilty of failure to comply with the foreign-agent registration statute.

2. The cases of at least two former government officials who occupied fairly high places in the State and Treasury Depts. are being studied for possible evidence of "concealed" Communist affiliation. Presumably such evidence would provide the basis for prosecution comparable to the Hiss trial. It is understood that an affidavit from an ex-party member—who swears he attended secret Communist sessions with these officials—is a prime exhibit. This affidavit has been in the possession of the FBI for several years. Whether any new investigative testimony has been obtained is not known. If there has, it has not been beyond the scope of the Communists' public relations campaign to be kept out of the public eye.

The truth about the Canadian Communist movement has probably stirred more than a few "conscientious objectors" in the way in which Canadians were being asked about the guilty, as they were in post-World War I times. On the other hand, the revelations of the Canadian spy story justify a reasonable degree of well-earned caution. Probably few Canadian liberals were impressed by the allegations against the Canadian Communist network until the evidence was overwhelmingly established in court. The real issue confronting this case, then, is not a new one—is how to identify the real agents of a conspiratorial international movement without suspecting a lot of defenseless "innocents."

The men who are facing the New York grand jury probe are at least assured the full protection of the law if they are indicted and a chance to confront their accusers. From that viewpoint they are in a relatively more comfortable position than government employees who are ousted from their posts on the basis of uncorroborated testimony furnished by J. Edgar Hoover's FBI or some other eager-beaver investigative branch. And they are almost certain to obtain a final judgment from the highest court in the land before any punishment is inflicted.

"Truman" and Soviet agents, and a democracy conducts them well that is its own institutions. Yet it must also be conceded to their responsibility is enhanced by the strange and serious threat that the Communist Party is posing in their uncorroborated testimony. The fact that the grand jury sessions were held in secret by an extremely well-informed Justice Dept. staff is a fact.

"Don't go out on any limb—either way, you never know what the grand jury will turn up."

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GREGORY, ESPIONAGE R. RE BULET JULY TWENTY SECOND, FORTY SEVEN.

LAUHLIN B. CURRIE INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. CURRIE ADMITTED KNOWING
GEORGE SILVERMAN SINCE NINETEEN TWENTY SEVEN ON A RATHER FRIENDLY BASIS
AND HAS HEARD FROM HIM WITHIN THE LAST MONTH. HE FIRST MET NATHAN
GREGORY SILVERMASTER IN WASHINGTON DC IN NINETEEN FORTY AND WAS AT HIS
HOUSE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. ON ONE OCCASION IN COMPANY OF LUDWIG ULL-
MAN HE WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHIC WORKSHOP IN SILVERMASTERS BASEMENT.

CURRIE ADVISED THAT HE FIRST MET ANATOLI GROMOV SOME TIME IN NINETEEN
FORTY FOUR, THROUGH AN INTRODUCTION BY LUTHER CULICK. HE VISITED
GROMOV'S HOUSE ONCE IN NINETEEN FORTYFIVE AND THE VISIT WAS RETURNED.

HE ALSO SAW GROMOV ON AT LEAST TWO OTHER OCCASIONS AFTER HE LEFT THE
GOVERNMENT SERVICE IN JUNE, NINETEEN FORTY FIVE. CURRIE FURTHER

STATED THAT HE NOW FEELS HE WAS RATHER INDISCREET IN SPONSORING VISA
APPLICATION OF CARL BORROMEUS JOSEV FRANK, BETTER KNOWN AS PAUL

HAGEN. HE SAID THAT HE WAS FIRST INTRODUCED TO HAGEN BY RHEINHOLD

NEIBHOR AND THAT HAGEN VISITED HIM TWO OR THREE TIMES, LEAVING LITERATURE

ON THE FREE GERMAN MOVEMENT. HE SAID THAT HE SPONSORED PAUL HAGEN

BECAUSE HAGEN WAS A FRIEND OF MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT. CURRIE RECALLED

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MEETING PHILLIP ~~X~~ JAFFEE AND MILDRED PRICE WHEN HE WAS ACTIVE IN THE INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS. HE STATED THAT HE DID NOT REMEMBER DISCUSSING WITH SILVERMAN THAT [THE US WAS ABOUT TO BREAK THE RUSSIAN CODE.] ^(u) HE STATED HOWEVER THAT BECAUSE OF HIS CONTACTS IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT THE US WAS ABOUT TO BREAK THE RUSSIAN CODE, ^{(S)(u)} AND FURTHER THAT HE MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE DISCUSSED IT WITH GEORGE SILVERMAN BECAUSE HE ALSO HELD A HIGHLY RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT POSITION. CURRIE SAID THAT HE VISITED OSCAR LANGE SHORTLY AFTER HIS RETURN FROM RUSSIA IN A SEMO-OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS HE WAS SOMEWHAT THE "EYES AND EARS OF THE PRESIDENT." HE ALSO STATED THAT IN HIS OFFICIAL POSITION WITH LEND LEASE HE HAD MANY CONTACTS WITH RUSSIANS IN THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COMMISSION. CURRIE WAS INTERVIEWED THOROUGHLY AND EXHAUSTIVELY AND DENIED FURNISHING ANY INFO KNOWINGLY OR OTHERWISE TO THE RUSSIANS OR ANYONE REMOTELY CONNECTED WITH THEM. CURRIE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN EXPECTING TO BE INTERVIEWED BY THE FBI AS HE HAD HEARD FROM FRANK COE. HE SAID THAT COE TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD RECD A SUBPOENA AND IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR HIM TO MENTION KNOWING CURRIE. HE SAID THAT HE ALSO HAD RECENTLY BEEN IN CONTACT WITH GEORGE SILVERMAN AND THAT SILVERMAN MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT THE INVESTIGATION AND ADVISED HIM THAT HE WAS NOT DISCUSSING THE MATTER, AS ADVISED BY HIS ATTORNEY ^{(S)(u)}

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CURRIE INDICATED THAT HE WAS FULLY AWARE THAT THERE WAS AN INVESTIGATION PRESENTLY BEING CONDUCTED INTO THE INFILTRATION OF COMMUNISTS IN THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE. INVESTIGATION REVEALS JOHN ~~ABT~~ AND EARL ~~BROWDER~~ PRESENTLY OUT OF TOWN. ABT IS TO RETURN FRIDAY AND BROWDER ON MONDAY. EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO INTERVIEW THEM ON THEIR RETURN. (S) (u)

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GREGORY, ESP R. EARL BROWDER INTERVIEWED AUGUST TWENTYSEVEN INSTANT
DENIED ANY CONNECTION WITH OR KNOWLEDGE OF US SERVICE AND SHIPPING
CORP. ADMITTED THAT HE HAD MET JOHN REYNOLDS SOCIALLY ONCE OR
TWICE. STATED THAT HE HAD NEVER ADVANCED ANY MONEY TO REYNOLDS
FOR ANY PURPOSE WHATSOEVER. WHEN ASKED IF HE HAD EVER RECEIVED
MONEY FROM REYNOLDS BROWDER DECLINED TO COMMENT WITHOUT FIRST CONSULTING
WITH REYNOLDS. PICTURES OF PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS IN CASE EXHIBITED TO
BROWDER. HE ADMITTED KNOWING ONLY JACOB GOLOS AND JOHN ART. STATED
THAT HE HAD KNOWN GOLOS FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY YEARS AND THAT GOLOS
HAD ARRANGED PASSAGE ABROAD THRU WORLD TOURIST FOR BROWDER ON NUMEROUS
OCCASIONS AND HAD LOANED BROWDER SOME RUSSIAN PAMPHLETS AND BOOKS ON A
PURELY PERSONAL BASIS. BROWDER DENIED THAT GOLOS EVER FURNISHED HIM
ANY INFO OR MATERIAL COMING FROM US GOVT. SOURCES. BROWDER ADMITTED
KNOWING JOHN ART AS ATTORNEY FOR ACHA BUT DENIED THAT HE EVER
ARRANGED FOR MEETING OF ANY PERSONS IN ART'S APT. BROWDER SPECIFICALLY
DENIED KNOWING OR HAVING MET ELIZABETH GENTILE OR MIRIAM SILVERMAN.
HE MADE STATEMENT QUOTE IN VIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PRESENT
ATTITUDE TOWARD THE CP AND THEIR CONTENTION THAT IT IS A
CRIMINAL SYNDICATE I REFUSE TO STATE THAT I WILL BEGLINE TO DISCUSS
MY CONNECTION WITH THE CP OR BE ASSOCIATED WITH ANY OF THE PERSONS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: September 6, 1947

TO : MR. Tamm

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: GREGORY CASE

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ASAC Belmont of the New York Office advised that Asst. USA Laurento in New York had advised that a man named Smith from the Government Accounting Office in Washington had been in the United States Attorney's Office; that he had with him a typed memo signed by a man named Williamson of the Government Accounting Office which memorandum instructed that the bearer endeavor to determine why the Grand Jury was asking questions concerning OSS and General Donovan.

Mr. Laurento also advised that on September 4 a man whose name was Sanjojo (phonetic) of the Government Accounting Office had also been in the United States Attorney's Office asking the same question. Mr. Laurento stated that he had informed the representatives of the Government Accounting Office that the USA's office had no knowledge of the case presently being presented to the Grand Jury inasmuch as it was being handled as a special from the Attorney General's Office in Washington.

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I thought you would be interested to know that on September 6, 1947, information was received from our New York Office that on that date Assistant United States Attorney Lauroto in New York advised that a man named Smith from the Government Accounting Office in Washington had called at the United States Attorney's Office and had with him a typed memorandum signed by a Mr. Williamson of the Government Accounting Office. This memorandum instructed that the bearer endeavor to determine why the Grand Jury had been asking questions concerning the Office of Strategic Services and General William Donovan.

Mr. Lauroto further advised that on September 4, 1947, a man named Sanjojo (phonetic) from the Government Accounting Office, had also been in the United States Attorney's Office for the same information. Mr. Lauroto stated that he had informed the representatives of the Government Accounting Office that the United States Attorney's Office had no knowledge of the case being presented to the Federal Grand Jury since it was being handled as a special matter by the Attorney General's Office in Washington.

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DATE: September 8, 1947

TO: MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LAIDLEY

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FROM: J. P. COYNE

SUBJECT: THE GREGORY CASE

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Reference is made to the attached pink memorandum from Supervisor G. R. Levy to you dated September 7, 1947, entitled, "Drew Pearson, Information Concerning" and to a teletype bearing the same caption from the New York Office to the Bureau dated September 7, 1947.

Drew Pearson's article which appeared in the New York Daily Mirror on September 7, 1947, contains the best set of facts on the Gregory Case which have been published in any newspapers coming to the Bureau's attention.

Pearson, of course, has a good source for obtaining information about this case and particularly what questions were asked of witnesses who have appeared before the Grand Jury. This source is his leg man, David Marr, who is a close associate of Harry Dexter White. Although White has not appeared before the Grand Jury, he stated upon interview that he had been contacted by Virginus Frank Coe, a subject who had been subpoenaed before the Grand Jury and who appeared on July 9, 1947.

Another subject, Lauchlin Currie, when interviewed advised that Coe had contacted him after receiving a subpoena and mentioned that he would have to use Currie's name during his testimony. Harry White also said that George Silverman had contacted him after receiving his subpoena.

In so far as is known, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He does not have a direct contact with Harry White but they do have mutual friends.

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that he had told the
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GREGORY, ESPIONAGE R. SA F. D. O-BRIEN TESTIFIED BEFORE THE GRAND
JURY THIS DATE RE HARRY GOLD. MESSRS. T. V. QUINN AND T. J. DONEGAN
ADVISED THAT GOLD TESTIFIED IN SUBSTANCE TO THAT WHICH HE HAD PREVIOUSLY
TESTIFIED TO THE AGENTS AT THE TIME HE WAS INTERVIEWED.

GRAND
JURY TERMINATED TODAY, WILL RECONVENE ON SEPT THIRD NEXT.

NECESSARY FOR ONE OF AGENTS THAT INTERVIEWED [REDACTED] BE IN NYC
TEN AM ON SEPT THIRD NEXT AS WELL AS ONE OF AGENTS WHO INTERVIEWED
[REDACTED] TO BE IN NYC AT TEN AM ON SEPT FOURTH NEXT.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL T. V. QUINN RETURNING TO WASHINGTON TODAY.

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DATE: September 4, 1947

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington

SUBJECT:

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HARRY MAGDOFF

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In view of the fact that HARRY MAGDOFF and family moved from their residence in Parkfairfax Apartments, Alexandria, Virginia, on September 3, 1947, to 20-17 23rd Street, Astoria, New York City, the technical surveillance on his residence at Parkfairfax was discontinued on September 3, 1947. (u)

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LAUREN B. CURRIE interviewed 7/31/47 at NYC. Admitted close friendship with NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER and GEORGE SILVERMAN. Also admitted friendship and visits with ANATOLI GROMOV. Denied any knowledge of espionage activity on part of SILVERMASTERS. Advised it was possible that he had heard that U.S. about to break Russian code at one time. HARRY DEXTER WHITE interviewed in NYC 8/15/47. Admitted close personal friendship with SILVERMASTERS, LUDWIG WILMAN and GEORGE SILVERMAN. Denied any knowledge of espionage activities on the part of SILVERMASTERS or any other individuals in Washington, D.C. Denied membership in Communist Party or acquaintanceship with any individuals who were members of C.P. JOHN ABT interviewed in NYC 8/1/47. Stated that he could not remember meeting of PERLO group which took place in his home in the early part of 1944. Refused to answer all other questions asked of him. ABRAHAM BROTHMAN continues in business in NYC. Information concerning BROTHMAN and URSULA WASSERMAN set forth. Chronological list of agents and subjects who have appeared before Grand Jury in NYC to date set forth.

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Re: LAUCHLIN B. CURRIE

The following interview was conducted by Special Agents Lawrence W. Spillane and Michael M. O'Rourke at CURRIE's office, 487 Park Avenue, New York City, July 31st, 1947. The interview was conducted for approximately 3 1/2 hours.

CURRIE confirmed the background information concerning himself. This information has been set out in previous reports in instant case.

A picture of JACOB GOLOS was shown to CURRIE. He strongly stated that he did not know anybody resembling the picture or anybody bearing the name of JACOB GOLOS, "TIMMY" or JACOB RAISIN. He stated that nobody bearing a likeness to the picture or with any similar name was ever introduced to him at any time. *AS u*

CURRIE admitted knowing NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER. He stated that he first met SILVERMASTER in Washington, D. C. in 1940. He stated that he visited him at his house on several occasions. CURRIE continued that they interchanged their visits back and forth between SILVERMASTER's house and his house.

CURRIE said on one occasion while visiting at SILVERMASTER's house, he met LUDWIG ULMAN. He said that ULMAN, who at that time was residing with the SILVERMASTERS, took him to the basement of the SILVERMASTER house and showed him the photographic work shop which was in the basement. CURRIE stated that ULMAN on another occasion took pictures of his two sons.

CURRIE stated that he felt that SILVERMASTER was a loyal, patriotic American, and that on one occasion during an investigation, he openly recommended SILVERMASTER as to his loyalty. He stated that in his opinion, he did not believe that SILVERMASTER or any of his associates were Communists or associated with any Communist organizations. He said that so far as he knew, SILVERMASTER and ULMAN were not engaged in any espionage activities, and he does not believe that either SILVERMASTER or ULMAN would provide copies of confidential documents to any unauthorized sources.

CURRIE stated that he considered SILVERMASTER an intellectual radical. He said that he was present at SILVERMASTER's house

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on several occasions at various social gatherings. He stated at these times, there were never any discussions as to furnishing confidential information to the Russians or to any other foreign power. He stated the meetings were strictly social and most of the conversation was that of ordinary social gatherings.

CURRIE stated that he first met GEORGE SILVERMAN, he believes, in 1927 at Harvard University. He said that they both had been rather friendly since that time, and their friendship developed while both were working for the Government in Washington, D. C. CURRIE stated that he has seen SILVERMAN and been with SILVERMAN many times during the last 20 years.

CURRIE stated that he faintly remembers meeting VICTOR PERLOW at one of the gatherings of young economists in Washington, D. C. He stated that during these gatherings, he met many young economists in Washington, D. C. He stated that he could not recall all of the young economists he met, but he met very many of them during this period.

He stated that MICHAEL GREENBERG at one time was associated with him in his official capacity at the White House. He stated that an unknown individual informed him GREENBERG had considerable knowledge of the Far East, and for that reason, it was recommended that GREENBERG be employed as his assistant at the White House. He said GREENBERG was not a particularly capable individual.

It will be recalled that in the interview of MICHAEL GREENBERG as previously set out, GREENBERG stated that L. B. CURRIE telephonically contacted him and asked him if he would like to be associated with him in his work at the White House.

CURRIE advised that he first met ANATOLI GROMOV sometime in 1944 through an introduction by LUTHER GULICK. CURRIE advised that he had met GULICK on several occasions through social contacts, but he did not know him socially. He stated that GULICK on one of these official contacts stated that ANATOLI GROMOV was a very interesting Russian who spoke rather openly, and he thought it would be a good idea for CURRIE to meet him. He continued as a result, the introduction to GROMOV was arranged through LUTHER GULICK.

It has been ascertained that LUTHER GULICK is presently out of town and will return to his residence at 14 Sussex Avenue, Bronxville, New York, and his office at 261 Broadway, New York City sometime in September.

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CURRIE stated that he visited GROMOV's house once in 1945, and that the visit was subsequently returned. He continued that he also saw GROMOV on at least two other occasions after he left the Government service in June, 1945.

CURRIE stated in his opinion, GROMOV was the type of man that might be engaged in espionage for his government. CURRIE stated that he based this opinion on the fact that GROMOV had such a comprehensive knowledge of American affairs generally and various newspapers and periodicals published in this country.

CURRIE explained his two subsequent contacts with GROMOV after his termination of Government service, as an attempt by him to initiate film contacts with the Russian Government for some of his clients.

CURRIE was questioned concerning his sponsoring of Communists during his service with the Government. He stated that he now feels that he was rather indiscreet in sponsoring the visa application of CARL BORROMEUS JOSEF FRANK, better known as PAUL HAGEN. He stated that he was first introduced to HAGEN by RHEINHOLD NEIBHOR, and that HAGEN visited him two or three times leaving literature on the Free German Movement. He said that he sponsored HAGEN because latter was a friend of Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT.

CURRIE recalled meeting PHILLIP LATTE and MILDRED PRICE when he was active in the Institute of Pacific Relations. CURRIE advised his contacts with these people were strictly on a social basis and because of their mutual interest in Far East affairs. S u

(u) CURRIE stated that he could not recall discussing with GEORGE SILVERMAN that the United States was about to break the Russian code. He continued that he had because of his official White House position many contacts in the Army, Navy and State Department. He stated because of these contacts in high places, it is possible that he had heard that the United States was about to break the Russian code. He stated that if he had heard that we were about to break the Russian code, he would have no hesitancy whatever in discussing this with GEORGE SILVERMAN because of the highly responsible Government position held by SILVERMAN. He stated as a matter of fact if this information had come to his attention, he would have discussed it with SILVERMAN. S (u)

CURRIE was questioned further about various other contacts and associates.

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He stated that he visited OSCAR LANGE shortly after LANGE's return from Russia. He continued, this visit was in a semi-official capacity, as he was the "eyes and ears of the President".

CURRIE stated in his official position with Lend-Lease, he had many contacts with the Russians and Soviet Government Purchasing Commission. CURRIE denied furnishing any information knowingly or otherwise to the Russians or anyone remotely connected with them.

CURRIE stated that he had no knowledge of any espionage activities either inside or outside the Government service. He stated that he neither knew nor was associated with any members of the Communist Party. He stated that he himself was not a Communist.

He stated to the best of his knowledge, he was never associated with any Communist-front organizations. He said that the following is a list of organizations to which he either belonged or permitted his name to be used:

AMERICAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION
UNITED CHINA RELIEF (honorary director)
WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE PSYCHIATRIC FOUNDATION
WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY
COUNCIL FOR AMERICAN-ITALIAN AFFAIRS
INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS
COUNCIL OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
NATIONAL PLANNING ASSOCIATION

He stated that he also permitted the use of his name and was honorary vice chairman for INDUSTRIAL COOPERATIVES.

CURRIE stated that he had been expecting to be interviewed by the FBI, as he heard from FRANK COE. He said that COE told him he had received a subpoena, and it would be necessary for him to mention knowing CURRIE.

He said that he had also been in contact with GEORGE SILVERMAN, whom he considered a brilliant economist, and that SILVERMAN mentioned something about an investigation, and advised him that he was not discussing the matter, as he was so advised by his attorney.

CURRIE indicated that he was fully aware that there was an investigation presently being conducted into the infiltration of Communists into Government service.

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CURRIE seemed concerned, and wondered if he might receive a subpoena. He also expressed his concern regarding the possibility of unfavorable newspaper publicity.

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On August 15, 1947, HARRY DEXTER WHITE was interviewed by Special Agents F. J. Gallant and F. D. O'Brien in WHITE's apartment located at 334 West 86th Street, New York City. The interview commenced at 10:00 A.M. and terminated at 11:50 A.M.

At the time the interview commenced, HARRY WHITE was advised by the agents that an investigation was being conducted by the United States Government relative to espionage activities which had been carried on by individuals working for the government and also by individuals who had not been employed by the United States Government.

WHITE was first questioned concerning his friendship with NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, principal subject in instant case, and WHITE stated that he knew SILVERMASTER as well as SILVERMASTER's wife since sometime in 1934, at which time WHITE first became employed by the United States Government. He came about his friendship with SILVERMASTER through contacts he had made with him in the United States Government. However, WHITE stated that it was possible that his wife, ANN TERRY WHITE, had met SILVERMASTER's wife prior to his friendship with SILVERMASTER and stated that he could not recall exactly the circumstances under which they first met. WHITE advised that he himself plays a mandolin, SILVERMASTER played a guitar, Mrs. WHITE played the piano and LUDWIG ULLMAN, another subject in instant case, played the drums. WHITE stated that they frequently met at SILVERMASTER's house for musical socials. WHITE also offered the information that he was a volley ball enthusiast and SILVERMASTER also played volley ball and that he saw him on a number of occasions at which time they played volley ball together.

WHITE was thoroughly questioned at this time concerning his knowledge of SILVERMASTER's activities outside of their social contacts mentioned previously. WHITE was also requested to recall whether or not SILVERMASTER had ever approached him to obtain any information that was of a confidential nature which he may have had in his possession at that time. WHITE denied that SILVERMASTER had ever requested that he obtain information of a confidential nature. WHITE voluntarily stated that both he and SILVERMASTER frequently discussed economics and policies of the United States Government as well as other governments concerning economics and added that they discussed many things about economics which were not common knowledge or generally known but were known by certain individuals within the government. WHITE described SILVERMASTER as a "philosopher in economics". He stated that SILVERMASTER was a great theorist, that he never suspected that SILVERMASTER

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was engaged in any type of espionage activity and that it would come to him as a great surprise and a shock if he were to actually find out that SILVERMASTER was engaged in espionage.

With reference to LUDWIG ULLMAN, WHITE advised that he knew ULLMAN for a number of years during which time ULLMAN was employed by the Treasury Department and that he had associated with him socially as previously stated. WHITE also offered the information that he took a close personal interest in ULLMAN because of his close friendship with SILVERMASTER. In response to questions as to whether or not he had recommended ULLMAN for a raise in salary or a better position because of his friendship with SILVERMASTER, WHITE replied that it was quite possible that he had made recommendations for ULLMAN on increases in salary or rise in status because of the friendship they both had with SILVERMASTER.

WHITE was questioned regarding his friendship with GEORGE SILVERMAN. WHITE stated that he had known SILVERMAN for a number of years, the exact number of years, however, he could not recall. He advised that he had met SILVERMAN at Stanford University while they were both taking a degree at that institution. WHITE stated that in his opinion GEORGE SILVERMAN was a brilliant economist and an individual with whom he had on many occasions discussed economics. WHITE also stated that he knew SILVERMAN was a close personal friend of the SILVERMASTERS but added that he had never heard SILVERMAN discuss with the SILVERMASTERS anything which he thought was of a confidential or secret nature. WHITE also stated that he was well acquainted with LAUGHLIN CURRIE, whom he advised he had met at Harvard University.

Regarding other individuals who are subjects in instant case, WHITE stated that he was well acquainted with WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, HAROLD GLASSER and SOLOMON ADLER, all of whom were at one time employed by the Treasury Department. With reference to these individuals as to whether or not they had in their possession information which might be considered secret or confidential at the time they were employed by WHITE, he replied that they frequently did have information of a confidential nature and that it was a common practice during the war for these individuals to take home certain work that they had been working upon during the day in order to complete it at home during the evening. WHITE advised that he would have been very much disappointed if these men had not taken homework to complete inasmuch as they were greatly pressed in their work at that time and he felt that it was an obligation on their part to complete the work during the evening. However, WHITE voluntarily stated that it would be a great shock and surprise to him if any of these individuals who worked for him had passed on or conveyed information to the SILVERMASTERS or any other individual with the knowledge that this information might be passed on to another government.

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Reference was then made to SONYA GOLD, whom Informant GREGORY had previously stated that she was of the opinion that SONYA GOLD was WHITE's secretary and that she had been employed by WHITE at the request of the SILVERMASTERS. WHITE advised that he was acquainted with a Mrs. SONYA GOLD and claimed that she was employed as a economist in the Treasury Department and that she was at such a low level in the Department that he would not have come in contact with her to any great extent. He denied that SONYA GOLD had been employed by him at the request of the SILVERMASTERS.

WHITE was then questioned regarding his acquaintanceship with VICTOR PERLO, CHARLES FRAMER, IRVING KAPLAN and also HARRY MAGDOFF. WHITE stated that he knew these individuals solely on a social basis and again reiterated that he would be very much surprised to learn that they were involved in any activities of an espionage nature.

WHITE was specifically asked if he had the knowledge that any of the individuals about whom he was questioned were members of the Communist Party. WHITE stated that in his opinion or to his knowledge none of the individuals mentioned to him were members of the Communist Party or had engaged in any Communist Party affairs. WHITE then expressed in very strong terms his loyalty to the United States Government and stated that he would not employ any individual whom he knew to be a member of the Communist Party. WHITE was specifically asked if he knew any individual who was a member of the Communist Party. WHITE denied that he had ever known any individual who was a member of the Communist Party.

WHITE stated that he was born on October 29, 1892 in Boston, Massachusetts. With reference to where his parents were born and their names, WHITE replied that his father's name was JOSEPH and his mother's name was SARAH. He advised that he thought his parents were born in Lithuania or Poland but stated that he did not know the exact location of their birth. WHITE then refused to answer any further questions regarding his family or discuss any of their present activities. He stated that he did not care to bring his family into the discussion in any way whatsoever.

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In regard to his own activities at the present time, WHITE went into a lengthy discussion of his previous history, citing the fact that he was an Assistant Secretary of the United States Treasury Department and that he had been the chief representative of the United States Government to the monetary conferences held in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire. WHITE advised that he had practically drawn up the agreement reached at Bretton Woods and cited the fact that Russia had not become a member of the International Bank. WHITE then advised that he had been appointed the executive director of the International Monetary Fund and that his resignation had come about from that organization in the following manner:

At the time the International Bank was formulated, WHITE stated that there were several conferences held in various countries in South America and that he was traveling extensively by plane daily from one place to another and at that time he was under severe pressure in order to complete the conferences in the various countries. He stated that when he arrived at Quito, Ecuador, he suffered a heart attack and he was laid up for sometime, following which he was taken to Lima, Peru to a hospital for treatment and when he had recuperated sufficiently, he returned to the United States.

WHITE stated that his present plans are to open an office in New York City as an economic consultant. In connection therewith, he had just completed a trip to Mexico to the Mexican bank. He stated that he planned to rest until sometime in September before he opens his economic consulting office in New York City.

WHITE was asked if he were aware that the investigation of employees of the United States Government was going on at the present time. WHITE replied that he was aware of this investigation through information he had read in the newspapers and also that FRANK COE and GEORGE SILVERMAN had told him that they were subpoenaed to appear before the Grand Jury in New York City. WHITE did not reiterate any further as to what discussion took place between him, SILVERMAN and COE. At this time the interview was terminated.

Subsequent to the departure of the agents from WHITE's apartment, WHITE came down to the street where the agents were and stated that he would appreciate it if the information concerning his resignation from the International Monetary Fund and the fact that he had suffered a heart attack

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and had been ill prior to his resignation be kept confidential. ~~SECRET~~ stated that he had not conveyed this information to the President publicly at the time of his resignation and that his letter of resignation to the President, which was made public, did not mention the fact that he was in ill health. He stated that the reason he was requesting this information be kept confidential was the fact that he had received a salary of \$25,00 a year with the International Monetary Fund and he felt that if he were to obtain a comparable position with another organization, that the fact that he was in ill health might injure or in some way interfere with his obtaining a position with such a financial return.

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Pursuant to Bureau instructions on August 1, 1947, Special Agents ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON and JOHN F. WACKS interviewed JOHN ABT at his office, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, 15 Union Square, New York City, in connection with the captioned matter. This interview was necessarily short and was terminated after a period of approximately 15 minutes when ABT advised interviewing agents that he would discuss nothing but "the weather".

Prior to this pronouncement by ABT, he attempted to elicit from the agents the complete details of the case concerning which he was being questioned. The agents refused to enlighten him as to any of the details of the case with the result that he answered only two questions, both in the negative. One of these questions concerned the meeting held at his home in the early part of 1944 at which PERLO, KRAMER, MAGDOFF, FITZGERALD and BENTLEY were in attendance. ABT advised at the time of this meeting he was residing at the address where the meeting took place, but he advised he could not remember such a meeting.

ABT admitted knowing HAROLD WARE, advising that inasmuch as this individual was his wife's former husband, there was no objection to answering this question in the affirmative, but he denied belonging to any club or group with WARE while he was residing in Washington, D. C. During the interview, ABT was visibly disturbed and talked almost inaudibly.

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Re: ABRAHAM BROTHMAN

The following investigation of the activities of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and URSULA WASSERMAN was reported by SA H. COURTENAY CLINCH, and covered a period from June 15, 1947 to August 10, 1947:

During the above period ~~Confidential~~ Informant NYT-395, mail covers, and investigation reflected that BROTHMAN appeared to be exerting full time to the business ventures of ~~A. BROTHMAN & ASSOCIATES.~~ *eu*

The above Informant advised that the only contact made by BROTHMAN during the above period which dealt with this investigation, occurred on July 15, 1947 when MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ, BROTHMAN's secretary, contacted one STEEN (phonetic), stating that she desired to get some advice for BROTHMAN in connection with a subpoena received by him and commanding him to appear before the United States Grand Jury, Foley Square, New York. MOSKOWITZ read a portion of the subpoena to STEEN, and stated that the subpoena mentioned an alleged violation of Section 88, Title 18, United States Code. Mr. STEEN (phonetic) stated he would advise BROTHMAN as to the action he should take. *eu*

The indices of this office as well as law directories and telephone directory were checked with negative results as to the above phonetic name. *eu*

The mail covers maintained on A. BROTHMAN & ASSOCIATES, 29-28 41st Street, Long Island City, New York, reflected that BROTHMAN received mail from numerous concerns engaged in the manufacture of chemicals and allied products. During the above period mail was received from the following addressors:

ROSE SANDERS
2291 Vale Avenue
Maplewood 17, Missouri

Mrs. T. WERNER
34 Rue Schoffer
Paris 16, France

A. D. MACKAY
198 Broadway
New York City

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Rio de Janeiro
Praia Do Russel 108
Brazil

~~B. WISHKIN~~
Hotel Pax
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

~~WALTER KULLMAN~~
26 Platt Street
New York City

~~H. HALEVI~~
Croton-on-Hudson, New York

Suite 414
5 Beekman Street
New York City

It is to be noted that B. ~~WISHKIN~~, Hotel Pax, Brazil, is undoubtedly identical with BERNARD ~~WISHKIN~~, an associate of BROTHMAN, who has recently represented BROTHMAN in England and Central Europe in connection with BROTHMAN's chemical interest. This fact might also account for the other Brazilian address listed above.

Re: URSULA WASSERMAN

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There is being set forth a list of the agents and the subjects who have testified before the Grand Jury in New York City from July 9, 1947 to July 31, 1947 inclusive.

July 9, 1947 FRANK COE appeared before the Grand Jury.

July 10, 1947 ALEXANDER KORAL testified.
SA FRANCIS D. O'BRIEN testified re KORAL.

July 15, 1947 MAURICE HALPERIN testified. SA F. J. NOLAN testified
re MAURICE HALPERIN.

July 16, 1947 PETER RHODES appeared. Re RHODES, SA J. P. MARTIN testified.

July 16, 1947 DUNCAN C. LEE testified. SA W. RAYMOND WANNALL testified
re DUNCAN C. LEE. Did not finish testimony.

July 17, 1947 DUNCAN C. LEE continued testimony.

July 22, 1947 HELEN TENNEY testified. SA L. W. SPILLANE testified
re TENNEY.

July 22, 1947 ABRAHAM BROTHMAN and SA F. D. O'BRIEN.

July 29, 1947 WILLARD Z. PARK testified. SA ROBERT E. LEONARD testified
re PARK

July 29, 1947 MICHAEL ENDELMAN testified. SA JOHN H. DOYLE testified
re ENDELMAN.

July 30, 1947 MILDRED PRICE testified. SA F. J. GALLANT testified
re PRICE

July 31, 1947 RAY ELSON testified. SA J. R. SHINNERS testified
re ELSON.

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HARRY ~~X~~GOLD testified. SA F. D. O'BRIEN testified
re GOLD.

On July 31, 1947 the Grand Jury adjourned and is scheduled to reconvene in New York City September 3, 1947.

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FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

DATE: August 12, 1947

RE: Title

GREGORY

WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON

Character of Case ESPIONAGE - R

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Type of Surveillance: (Technical or
Microphone) Technical

1. Subject's name and address:

WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON
11 Tauxemont Road
Alexandria, Virginia

2. Location of technical operation:

1119 North Pitt Street
Alexandria, Virginia

3. Dates of initial authorization and installation:

Authorized November 19, 1945
Installed December 8, 1945

4. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places):

None

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5. Specific valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and what use was made of each item of information involved:

During the past 60 days this surveillance has failed to provide any information pertinent to this investigation. Subject and his wife are separated and there is no indication that there will be a reconciliation which would result in subject's return to his former residence.

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6. Could above information have been obtained from other sources and by other means? u

No

7. Has security factor changed since installation? u

No

8. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency): u

No

9. Manpower and costs involved:

Maintained at a regularly established plant. u

10. Remarks (By SAC):

Inasmuch as it does not appear that REYNOLDS will return to his former home and since it does not appear feasible to establish a technical surveillance at his present address, 1717 Riggs Pl., N.W., it is suggested that the technical surveillance at 11 Tauxemont Road, Alexandria, Va. be discontinued. u

11. Remarks (added at Seat of Government): u

12. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

Since Remington is separated from his wife and no longer resides at 11 Tauxemont Road, Alexandria, Virginia, it is recommended that this technical surveillance be discontinued as it covers that address. The activities of Mrs. Remington revealed through this surveillance have been unproductive. u

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13. Recommendation by the Assistants to the Director: u

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Director, FBI

TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE
WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON
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In accordance with your suggestion contained in Form FD-143, dated August 12, 1947, the technical surveillance being maintained on Remington should be discontinued as soon as possible.

When this action is taken the time and date of discontinuance should be furnished to the Bureau.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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① GREGORY, ESP. R. JULES^⑥ KORCHIEN. IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY TEL THIS
DATE, KORCHIEN DEPARTED NYC THREE THIRTY PM EST, FLIGHT FIFTYNINE,
TWA, FOR LOS ANGELES, ARRIVING ELEVEN THIRTY FIVE PM, PST. WEARING
GREY SUIT, ~~WHITE SHOES~~, WHITE SHIRT, MAROON TIE, BLACK SHOES, RED
SOCKS, LIGHT TAN HEAVY RIMMED GLASSES, HEAVY BLACK MUSTACHE, BLACK
HAIR, BALD ON TOP, SIX FT. TALL, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY LBS.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **WASHINGTON FIELD**

NY FILE NO. **65-14603**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 9/2/47	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/27/47	REPORT MADE BY CHARLES M. NOONE
TITLE GREGORY			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R ALL INFORMATION HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 6/14/12 BY SP 9/17/11 3043M

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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EARL BROWDER interviewed 8/27/47 at his office 55 W. 42 St., NYC. After first denying any connection with or knowledge of U.S. Service & Shipping Corp. Browder made the statement: "In view of the Government's present attitude towards the Communist Party and their contention that it is a criminal syndicate I wish to state that if the ultimate purpose of this investigation is to determine my knowledge of the CP, I will decline to discuss my connection with the CP, or my knowledge of any other persons connected with the CP...." Browder thereupon admitted that he had met JOHN REYNOLDS socially once or twice. He stated that he had never advanced any money to Reynolds for any purpose whatsoever. When asked if he had ever received any money from Reynolds, Browder declined to comment without first consulting with Reynolds. Pictures of principal subjects in case exhibited to Browder. He admitted knowing only JACOB GOLOS and JOHN ABT. He stated that he had known GOLOS for approximately 20 yrs. and that Goles had arranged passage abroad through World Tourist for Browder on numerous occasions and had loaned Browder some Russian pamphlets and books on purely personal basis. Browder denied that Goles ever furnished him any information or material coming from U.S. Government sources. He admitted knowing John Abt as attorney for ACWA, but denied that he ever arranged for meeting of any persons in Abt's apartment. Browder stated that he knew of no persons who were gathering information from U.S. sources.

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Government sources and furnishing it to unauthorized individuals and stated that he had never directed any person of his acquaintance to work on behalf of any individual gathering information in this country or furnishing restricted information to persons working for sources outside this country.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA FRANCIS D. O'BRIEN, New York, 8/26/47.

NY 65-14603

New York, New York
September 2, 1947

GREGORY
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DETAILS: EARL BROWDER was interviewed at the Office of EARL BROWDER, INC., Room 702, 55 West 42nd Street, New York City, on August 27, 1947. The interview was conducted by Special Agent EDWARD W. BUCKLEY and the reporting agent and was commenced at 2:05PM.

Mr. Browder was first advised that the agents wished to interview him regarding his connection with and his knowledge of the United States Service and Shipping Corporation. Browder immediately asked the interviewing agent to repeat the name of the corporation. When the name was repeated to him, Browder stated that he had heard of the name of the corporation, but that he had never had any connection with it, and had no knowledge as to the activities of the corporation.

He was then asked if he was familiar with Colonel JOHN REYNOLDS. Browder stated that he had met Reynolds once or twice socially, but that he was not very well acquainted with Reynolds.

At this point Mr. Browder interrupted the interview to state: "In view of the Government's present attitude towards the Communist Party and their contention that it is a criminal syndicate I wish to state that if the ultimate purpose of this investigation is to determine my knowledge of the Communist Party, I will decline to discuss my connection with the Communist Party, or my knowledge of any other persons connected with the Communist Party. It would be foolhardy for me to answer any questions which would connect me with the Communist Party since I would then be a party to the perpetration of a criminal act."

When the interviewing agents assured Mr. Browder that the primary purpose of the interview was to ascertain his knowledge of the U.S. Service & Shipping Corporation, he agreed to continue the interview.

Browder was then asked if he had ever advanced any money towards the organization of the U.S. Service & Shipping Corporation. He denied that he had done so. When asked if he had any knowledge as to the financial organization of the U.S. Service & Shipping Corporation, he replied in the negative. He was then asked if any money had ever changed hands between him and JOHN REYNOLDS either on a business basis, or on a personal basis in the form of a loan. Browder stated that he would decline to comment on this matter without first consulting with Reynolds.

Browder was asked if he was familiar with NATHAN SILVERMASTER.

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When he stated that he did not know him, a photograph of Silvermaster was exhibited to Browder. He again stated that he did not know Silvermaster, and did not recognize the picture. Browder was then shown pictures of the following subjects of this investigation:

VICTOR PERLO
SOLOMON ADLER
JOSEPH B. GREGG
BELA GOLD
MILDRED PRICE
Mrs. N. GREGORY SILVERMASTER
WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR
ANATOLI B. GROMOV
SONYA S. GOLD
JACOB S. GOLOS
MRS. RAY ELSON
CEDRIC BELFRAGE
HARRY MAGDOFF
LOCHLIN CURRIE
ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY
ANATOLE BORIS VOLKOV

The photographs of these subjects were held out for close examination by Browder. He studied each one carefully and denied knowing any of the subjects with the exception of JACOB GOLOS. When asked as to the nature of his acquaintanceship with Gołos, he stated that he had known Gołos for approximately twenty years. Browder was asked in what connection he had dealings with Gołos and he replied that Gołos as head of World Tourist had arranged passage abroad for Browder on numerous occasions.

He also stated that Gołos had loaned him some Russian pamphlets and books on a purely personal basis. Browder was asked if Gołos had ever furnished him with any information emanating from United States Government sources or any writings pertaining to activities of the United States Government in connection with the war effort. Browder replied in the negative.

Browder was then asked if he knew whether or not Gołos ever had in his possession, or ever furnished to other persons any material or information originating in U.S. Government sources. To this question Browder replied that to his knowledge Gołos had never had any such material in his possession.

He further stated that he seriously doubted if Gołos would ever act in such a capacity. When asked if he thought Gołos ever engaged in espionage on behalf of any foreign power or in cooperation with any

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individual working for a foreign power, Browder stated that he did not believe that Golos ever engaged in any espionage activity. He further stated that he would not believe the interviewing agents if they told him that Golos had been engaged in espionage activities.

Browder was asked whether or not he had ever received any of the funds of Jacob Golos or of World Tourist at the time of Golos' death in November 1943. He stated that he never received any money in any form from Golos or from any business in which Golos was engaged.

Browder admitted that he knew John Abt as an attorney for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. He stated that he had met Abt socially. He reiterated his previous statement to the effect that he would not comment upon any association that he had with Abt, or any other individual which would bear upon his former position in the Communist Party. He specifically denied that he had ever arranged a meeting of any persons in Abt's apartment in New York City.

Questions relating to Browder's alleged connection with the U.S. Service Shipping Corporation were again broached to him, and he again denied any connection with that corporation and refused to comment further on his financial dealings with John Reynolds. He stated that he would neither affirm or deny that he had received money from Reynolds.

Browder was then asked if he had ever gathered any information from U.S. Government sources relating to activities of the U.S. Government in war time or had ever furnished such information to any person either in this country or abroad. He emphatically denied ever having engaged in espionage and stated "I personally disapprove of any one in any country engaging in espionage on behalf of any foreign government. It would have been particularly foolhardy for me to have engaged in espionage inasmuch as I had certain political aspirations during the war and politics and espionage just do not mix".

At this point Browder was asked if he had any ambition looking toward resuming leadership of the American Communist Party. He replied in the negative adding that he had no political ambitions whatsoever at the present time. He stated that he felt that he had completed the major job of his life with his contribution toward the success of the Allies in World War II.

The interview was concluded at 2:40PM.

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NEW YORK OFFICE
AT NEW YORK CITY:

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington

DATE: September 5, 1947

SUBJECT: GREGORY
Espionage - R

PALMER WEBER

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The following information was furnished this office by a highly confidential source.

DOROTHY ROCKWELL, secretary to DREW PEARSON, in a discussion with PALMER WEBER, subject in instant case, advised him that DREW PEARSON was going to run anything "we" want in his Monday column so she wanted to know what PALMER knew "that's dirty about LICHTENWALLER (phonetic)." PALMER assured her he would get the information that evening (September 3), and DOROTHY ROCKWELL advised him it should include why he was deferred from the draft and how much money he makes and also how much money the Republicans have been spending and how many carpetbaggers they have. (This is in connection with the election presently going on at Allentown, Pennsylvania.) (S) (u)

Later the same date, HENRY ZAHN furnished PALMER WEBER quite a bit of background information regarding LICHTENWALLER pointing out for one thing he ZAHN had counted fifty-one separate and distinct votes by LICHTENWALLER against the general welfare, and that he was speaker of the Pennsylvania legislature that banned strikes of employees of all state and local government bodies and strikes of teachers and employees of public utilities. (S) (u)

ZAHN furnished other political background on LICHTENWALLER, all of which was in turn furnished by WEBER to DOROTHY ROCKWELL. At this time ROCKWELL advised WEBER that the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company is not allowed to contribute to this campaign, and WEBER suggested she write a "query to the Justice Department: what is the Pennsylvania Power and Light doing in this campaign?" (S) (u)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington Field Office
Washington, D. C.

September 10, 1947

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Director, FBI

RE: GREGORY
ESPIONAGE - R
(VIRGINIUS FRANK COE)

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Dear Sir:

It has been ascertained that VIRGINIUS FRANK COE is presently in England attending the International Monetary Conference and is expected to return to this country at the end of the present month of September.

The above is furnished for your information.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

JOHN HOTTEN
SAC

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GREGORY, ESP. R. RE WASH FLD OFFICE TEL DATED SEPT. FOUR LAST
INDICATING THAT A. GEORGE SILVERMAN MAY HAVE LEFT THE COUNTRY.
T. J. DONEGAN, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO A. G., ADVISED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PRETEXT TELEPHONE CALL TO SILVERMAN OFFICE MADE
TODAY DEVELOPED THAT SILVERMAN IS IN NYC. DONEGAN WAS INFORMED THAT
WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE HAD RECEIVED INFO OF POSSIBLE IMMINENT G. I. R. DE-
PARTURE OF NATHAN AND HELEN SILVERMASTER ALSO LUDWIG ULLMAN FROM U.S.
DONEGAN ADVISED IF IT APPEARS THAT THERE WAS A SOUND BASIS OF FEAR THAT
SUBJECTS MIGHT FLEE HE MIGHT SUBPOENA THEM IMMEDIATELY, ALTHOUGH HE
DOES NOT DESIRE TO ISSUE SUCH SUBPOENAS AT THIS TIME IN ABSENCE OF
FAIRLY DEFINITE INDICATIONS THAT THEY ARE ABOUT TO LEAVE.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, F.B.I.

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DATE: August 28, 1947

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field Office

SUBJECT: GREGORY

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(ROBERT TALBOT MILLER, III)

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Mr. H. B. FLETCHER of the Bureau, telephonically advised this office at 5:10 P. M. on August 13, 1947 that a telephone call had been received in the Bureau

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Regarding BROWN's assertion, this office to date, [has not been able to connect MILLER in any capacity whatever with the Soviet Embassy.] BROWN's statement that MILLER is working "for the 16th Street folks" may be interpreted to mean that MILLER is connected with the Polish Embassy on 16th St. MILLER has recently been associated with RANDY FELTUS who is employed as a Public Relations Consul for the Polish Embassy and is registered as an agent of foreign principal. This association between MILLER and FELTUS has been brought out by conversations reported by Confidential Informant [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau.

On March 18, 1947, BOB MILLER contacted JENNIE MILLER, his wife. During the conversation, BOB mentioned, "You know, Dr. BOHMDT (pho) is the guy who has always given me the best advice that I have ever had. He said, without any question, go into business for yourself. He said if you go into business with a good guy like you described (RANDY FELTUS)—it really isn't a risk. If it doesn't pan out, you will have spent some time finding out what you want to do and you will have received a lot of experience and contacts." (excl)

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On April 11, 1947, BOB MILLER contacted Mrs. ANSARA. BOB stated he was about to start in a public relations venture in New York. Mrs. ANSARA asked if BOB's job was in CHARLIE FLATO's office to which BOB replied, "Well, sort of. I'm going to be in the same outfit but in a kind of a different relationship from him. CHARLIE is now associated with somebody else up there with whom I am going to be associated." (u) ✓

From previous information received, it has been ascertained that FLATO, FELTUS and MILLER are very closely associated. (u)

On May 3, 1947, ANNA MONAT (pho), conversed with JENNIE and ROBERT MILLER. ANNA said that she had spent the day with ROMAN TANTENBERG (pho) and ARCHIE BAUFEN (pho), sight-seeing. ANNA mentioned that ARCHIE and ROMAN played at the Polish Embassy the previous evening, one is a pianist and the other, a violinist. JENNIE stated that the FELTUSES arrived in Washington the previous evening at 8:00 P. M. after which they apparently attended the party at the Polish Embassy. JENNIE said that she and BOB did not attend the party. ANNA stated that last night was the third time this year that she and her husband hadn't been invited to the Polish Embassy parties which was too bad because RANDY (FELTUS) was there and ANNA wanted to see RANDY. JENNIE stated that ROBERT (MILLER) is working in New York with RANDY and that ROBERT just comes home on week-ends. ANNA asked if CHARLIE FLATO was working with RANDY and BOB. JENNIE stated that CHARLIE is not working right with them although CHARLIE has an office within RANDY's Office. ANNA stated that the previous night at the Polish Embassy party, the people were very complimentary about RANDY according to what ROMAN had told her (ANNA). ANNA stated that ROMAN is quite a well-known violinist and that after last night, he had decided that he would like to have RANDY handle his public relationship (press agent work). In talking about ARCHIE and ROMAN, ANNA stated, "They just met him (RANDY) for the first time last night and they heard all these comments and when they told me they had met the young man who was promoting the Poles, I said, 'Well, he (FELTUS) is a very good friend of mine and that from time to time, I had worked with him and that I looked forward to do some other things in the future with him (RANDY).'" (u)

On August 18, 1947, RANDY FELTUS in New York contacted BOB MILLER. During the conversation, BOB stated that DUNK AIKMAN had a party "for this gal, LYNCH (pho) last night" and she asked BOB if he (BOB) and RANDY were associated and BOB told her, "Yes." RANDY told BOB to mention (apparently to LYNCH) RANDY's treasury connection, the Kaiser connection and the ROOSEVELT stuff and the fact that BOB had made arrangements to go with RANDY in the fall but that RANDY wanted him sooner because of this stuff. (Previous conversations reflected that FELTUS was connected in some manner with ELLIOT ROOSEVELT.) (u)

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As noted above, the information regarding MILLERS being connected with the Polish Embassy, is not conclusive and inasmuch as CONSTANTINE BROWN's statement relative to MILLER'S working "for the 16th Street folks" is rather indefinite, it is suggested that the Bureau consider the advisability of interviewing CONSTANTINE BROWN in order to get a clear interpretation of his reference to MILLER.

ELF:JPM
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ADDENDUM:

The following information in connection with the association between MILLER and FELTUS is being set forth:

At 9:23 A. M., August 28, 1947, MILLER, at his home in Washington, D.C., conferred with FELTUS at the Hay-Adams, room #506, and the following conversation took place:

ROBERT stated that he would meet FELTUS at the Shoreham Hotel lobby at 10:00 A.M. ROBERT mentioned that ALMA SOWA (pho) is in room #202-G at the Shoreham. RANDY asks ROBERT to call the Associated Press and the United Press and tell them that "these people" are going to lay a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at 11:00 this morning.

At 9:28 A.M. and 9:32 A.M., ROBERT called the United Press and the Associated Press respectively advising them that a delegation from West Borneo and from East Indonesia are in Washington, D. C. and will lay a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at 11:00 this morning. ROBERT said he was calling for RANDY FELTUS who is doing some public relations work for these countries. (u)

At 9:35 A. M., ROBERT called RANDY FELTUS at the Hay-Adams to advise that the story was on both city tickers. ROBERT asked if they would be busy all day as he would like to see DUNKIN' AIKMAN. RANDY advised BOB that "we" have a luncheon and have to make "these radio programs" from 4:00 to 6:00 this afternoon. RANDY told ROBERT he would be free after that. (u)

It appears that FELTUS in his capacity as Public Relations Agent, is serving in this capacity for other individuals and groups besides the Polish Embassy. (u)

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TO : Mr. Ladd
 FROM : L. B. Nichols
 SUBJECT:

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In accordance with your desire, I talked to Constantine Brown regarding Robert Talbot Miller. I asked him if he had any information on where Miller was working and what he was doing. He did not have other than to state he was working for the Russians. I asked him what the basis for this was. He stated that Hamilton Robinson, when appearing before the select committee of the Senate Appropriations Committee, admitted that Miller was his cousin, that he saw Miller frequently, that he knew that Miller was working with the Russians. I asked Connie if he was certain that this and he stated that was exactly what it had been furnished to him.

I am inclined to believe that probably somebody has been exaggerating some place along the line.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

FROM : D. M. Ladd

DATE: September 1

SUBJECT: GREGORY
ESPIONAGE - R
(EDWARD JOSEPH FITZGERALD)

Reference is made to the attached memorandum from me to you dated September 6, 1947, which advised that Edward Joseph Fitzgerald, a principal subject in this case, is employed in the office of the Secretary of Commerce.

Pursuant to your instructions, there is attached hereto a letter to Honorable William Averell Harriman, Secretary of Commerce, enclosing a summary of information concerning Fitzgerald, who is employed in the office of the Secretary of Commerce.

Suggested Action:

When this summary is turned over to Mr. Harriman by our Liaison representative, it is strongly suggested that Mr. Harriman be advised of the confidential nature of this case and that this information is being made available to him on a strictly personal and confidential basis. He should also be reminded that this case is currently being investigated by the Bureau and if the attached information should come into the possession of unauthorized persons, it may have a damaging effect on our investigation.

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EDWARD JOSEPH FITZGERALD

Summary

Edward Joseph Fitzgerald is presently employed in the office of the Secretary of Commerce, United States Department of Commerce. He presently resides at 2209 Observatory Place, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Fitzgerald is a principal subject in an extensive investigation involving suspected underground Soviet espionage operations centered in agencies of the United States Government. Set out below is a summary of the information contained in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning him.

Background

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~Suspected Connections with Soviet Espionage

The following information reflecting the suspected implication of Edward Joseph Fitzgerald in alleged Soviet espionage operations has been furnished by an admittedly important Soviet espionage agent who was active in Soviet espionage activities from approximately 1938 to 1945 and who severed his connections with the Soviet Intelligence in 1945. For obvious reasons of security, the identity of this former Soviet agent is not being revealed and he is being referred to under the cover name "Gregory." For more than a year a most intensive investigation has been conducted on the basis of information furnished by Gregory. This investigation has failed to indicate any falsification of information furnished by this informant.

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Allegations of Gregory

Gregory advised that approximately one or two months prior to the death of Golos on November 27, 1943, it was learned that he had very recently made contact with another underground Soviet espionage group in Washington, D. C. Golos considered this contact as valuable. Gregory points out that he had been placed in contact with this group by Earl Browder early in 1944. At that time Earl Browder indicated to Gregory that Golos had been contacting a new group in Washington, D. C., and had been unable to keep an appointment with them. Browder was anxious for Gregory to meet this group and make the necessary arrangements. Within a reasonable time after this conference with Browder, he informed Gregory that he had made arrangements for a meeting of the group at the apartment of John Abt at Central Park West, near 90th Street, New York City. Abt was employed in 1939 as General Counsel for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, CIO, a position which he still holds and by virtue of which he has served as a close adviser to the late Sidney Hillman. Abt is married to Jessica Smith, who was formerly employed in the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C., and who is now President and Editor of the magazine, "Soviet Russia Today," a Soviet propaganda organ. Jessica Smith was formerly married to Harold Ware, now deceased, the son of Ella Reeve Bloor, an outstanding, long-active Communist figure. Ware headed the Communist underground in the United States Government for a number of years prior to his death.

Gregory states that on the day specified, the appointment was kept at the apartment of John Abt. Gregory was admitted to the apartment by Abt and there met four individuals, none of whom had been previously observed by Gregory. They were introduced as Victor Perlo, Charlie Kramer, Henry Magdoff, later identified as Harry Magdoff, and Edward Fitzgerald. These individuals, according to Gregory, were Government employees in Washington who subsequently assisted in furnishing information through Government sources to him. Gregory referred to these individuals as members of the Perlo group. Gregory indicated that the group felt they could talk freely and it is recollected that on this occasion they discussed the payment of their Communist Party dues, as well as the receipt of Communist Party literature from Gregory. These followed a general discussion among all of those present as to the type of information which these people, excepting Abt, would be able to furnish. It was obvious to Gregory that these people, including Abt, had been associated for some time and had been engaged in some sort of espionage for Earl Browder. Gregory recalls that Edward Fitzgerald, at the time of this meeting, was employed by the War Production Board. He indicated that he would be able to furnish Gregory with miscellaneous statistical information coming to his attention as a result of his employment at the War Production Board. It is also interesting to note that each member of this group met by Gregory indicated they were delegates "from their group in Washington.

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Edward Fitzgerald has continued his frequent contacts with other subjects in this investigation, including Irving Kaplan, Harry Magdoff, Harry Dexter White, George Perazich and Abraham George Silverman. (S) (u)

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Interview

Edward Joseph Fitzgerald was interviewed by Agents of this Bureau on April 15, 1947, and he furnished the following information.

Concerning his association with Victor Perlo, Fitzgerald stated that he first met Perlo while Perlo was employed with the Office of Price Administration. On this occasion there was a meeting between certain members of the staff of the War Production Board, to which Fitzgerald was attached, and members of the staff of the OPA, one of whom was Perlo's superior. He was unable to remember the nature of the above meeting, but thought that it was held approximately during March, 1943, shortly before Perlo left OPA and came over to the War Production Board.

He said that at the time of Perlo's employment with the WPB, he was doing the same type of work and was in the same office with Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald stated that he was closely associated with Perlo from this time until Fitzgerald left the WPB. He stated that he, along with several other economists, resigned from the War Production Board due to a dispute with their superior and that Perlo remained with the WPB which was contrary to what Fitzgerald and the other economists thought he should have done, and from this point on, Fitzgerald's relations with Perlo were formal. He indicated that he was not as fond of Perlo as he had previously been. He admitted, however, that he had seen Perlo occasionally since that time, the last of which was approximately March, 1947.

With respect to his New York trips, Fitzgerald denied that he had ever made a trip to New York City with Perlo, but admitted that he had seen Perlo in New York City on at least one occasion. He could not recall the time of this meeting nor could he recall any of the activities pertaining to this meeting. He was of the opinion, however, that they probably met to have some drinks. He admitted that this meeting was made by appointment with Perlo, but emphatically denied that any other individuals were present or that they had visited at anyone's apartment.

Fitzgerald admitted that he was a very close friend of Harry Magdoff and that he had been in New York City with Magdoff on many occasions, both while they lived in Philadelphia and since both of them had moved to Washington. He stated the only time that he was in the company of Magdoff or any other individuals mentioned in this case while in New York City was during an election party either in 1936 or 1940. On this occasion they attended a party which was given by a friend of either Irving Kaplan or Harry Magdoff.

In connection with Charles Kramer, he stated that he met Kramer at the same time that he met Perlo, that is, at the meeting between the staff members of OPA and WPB about March of 1943. He stated that he saw Kramer

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periodically after this meeting and had lunch with him on a number of occasions. After Kramer left the OPA he secured a position with the United States Senate. Thereafter, the association between Fitzgerald and Kramer continued for the most part on a business basis as Fitzgerald stated that Kramer would come down from the "Hill" to the War Production Board for some specific purpose. He refused to comment on the fact that it appeared somewhat odd that a casual meeting between him and Kramer should develop such a warm friendship resulting in numerous luncheon dates.

Fitzgerald was asked concerning his knowledge of John Abt, and he admitted having met Abt in Washington when Sidney Hillman was connected with the War Production Board. He indicated that he had met John Abt through Mr. Hillman. Fitzgerald vehemently denied ever having seen John Abt in New York or having ever visited in Abt's apartment. He further denied that he had ever met Harry Magdoff, Charles Kramer, or Irving Kaplan in New York City at anyone's home or apartment as a group.

Fitzgerald denied that he was a Communist Party member or had any Communist Party inclinations, stating that he was opposed to Communism. He said that neither his wife nor any of his acquaintances were Communist Party members or sympathizers. He advised that he did not believe that Magdoff, Kramer, Kaplan, or any other individuals mentioned to him in connection with this matter were Communists.

Throughout the interview, Fitzgerald was uncooperative and surly. He volunteered no information and emphatically denied that he had ever given any restricted Government material to any individual outside of the Government or to any unauthorized persons.

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Reference is made to Bureau letter dated August 11, 1947, concerning Joseph DuBois and Harry Dexter White. Your office was instructed to contact the State Department to determine if DuBois actually made a trip to Russia and, further, to endeavor to discreetly determine the identity of the woman now employed by the World Bank who is a close friend of Harry Dexter White.

Bureau files fail to reflect that this matter has been handled by your office and in view of the interest of Mr. T. V. Quinn, Assistant Attorney General, in this matter, you should immediately see that this matter is handled promptly and advise the Bureau of the results.

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TO : The Director

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You may recall that Edward Joseph Fitzgerald is a principal subject in this case and according to our informant, was one of a group of individuals who met frequently in the apartment of John Abt in New York City at which time Informant Gregory was present. Thereafter, Fitzgerald supplied Gregory with highly confidential information that he received during the course of his employment at the War Production Board.

Fitzgerald is now and has been for some time employed in the Office of the Secretary of Commerce. He held this position during the time that Henry A. Wallace was Secretary of Commerce and is one of Wallace's former advisors who still remains with the Commerce Department. Harry S. Magdoff, another Gregory subject, held a similar position in the Commerce Department under Wallace. Magdoff is now with the New Council of American Business.

Since we are currently furnishing information to Secretary of Commerce Harriman, the employment of Fitzgerald in Harriman's office is being called to your attention for your consideration in advising Mr. Harriman of this situation.

There is attached hereto a summary of basic data appearing in the Bureau's files on Fitzgerald. The attached summary is a copy of the one that was made available to the Attorney General on March 7, 1947, along with other summaries of subjects in the Gregory case employed by the government. These were made available to the Attorney General in order that he could furnish them to the employing agencies if he so desired. However, it is not known what disposition he has made of them.

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The foregoing is for your information and consideration and, if you approve, a current summary on Fitzgerald will be prepared for transmittal to Mr. Harriman.

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Kish is an employee of the Department of Agriculture and was the subject of a Hatch Act investigation in 1941 and 1942. He is reported to have been an active member of the American Peace Mobilization and the Washington Committee for Democratic Action, both of which have been declared subversive by the Attorney General. He denied membership in these organizations when interviewed but he admitted having been a member of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Spain.

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Honorable William Averell Harriman
Secretary of Commerce
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I thought you would be interested in the attached
summary of information on Edward Joseph Fitzgerald who, it
is understood, is employed in your office.

This is being made available to you for your
personal and confidential information.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best
regards,

Sincerely yours,

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September 10, 1947

EDWARD JOSEPH FITZGERALD

Summary

Edward Joseph Fitzgerald is presently employed in the office of the Secretary of Commerce, United States Department of Commerce. He presently resides at 2200 Observatory Place, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Fitzgerald is a principal subject in an extensive investigation involving suspected underground Soviet espionage operations centered in agencies of the United States Government. Set out below is a summary of the information contained in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning him.

Background

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Suspected Connections with Soviet Espionage

The following information reflecting the suspected implication of Edward Joseph Fitzgerald in alleged Soviet espionage operations has been furnished by an admittedly important Soviet espionage agent who was active in Soviet espionage activities from approximately 1938 to 1945 and who severed his connections with the Soviet Intelligence in 1945. For obvious reasons of security, the identity of this former Soviet agent is not being revealed and he is being referred to under the cover name "Gregory." For more than a year a most intensive investigation has been conducted on the basis of information furnished by Gregory. This investigation has failed to indicate any falsification of information furnished by this informant.

In 1938, Gregory, then a confirmed Communist, was furnishing information to a person known to him as F. Brown, who has been identified as Feruccio Marini, an important Italian Communist in New York City, who has been frequently reported to have served as an agent of the Communist International. During the fall of 1938, Marini introduced Gregory to an individual originally known to Gregory as "Tim" or "Timmy," who was subsequently identified by Gregory as Jacob M. Golos (real name Jakob Raisin or Rasin), who is known to have been for many years a most important Soviet espionage agent. Gregory from 1938 until Golos died on November 27, 1945, served as a Soviet espionage agent under Golos' direction.

According to Gregory, Jacob M. Golos was from at least 1941 until his death in November, 1945, Gregory's superior in New York City, who operated groups of agents employed in agencies of the United States Government who procured for Golos highly secret and important information in connection with their Government employment. Gregory was the courier and intermediary between Golos in New York City and his successors and these espionage agents in Washington, D. C., from the summer of 1941 until the end of 1945. After Golos died Gregory's efforts were directed by a number of Soviet espionage agents known only to him by cover names. Gregory was in frequent contact with these Soviet agents until late 1945. It is known that the last Soviet superior with whom Gregory was in contact was known to Gregory only as "Al" who has been identified as Anatoli Borisovich Gromov, former First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C., who departed from the United States on December 7, 1945.

During the period Gregory served as courier in this espionage operation he made regular and frequent trips to Washington, D. C., to collect information from the numerous Soviet espionage agents operating in Government agencies as a part of this espionage ring. Much of the information was on undeveloped and developed film portraying copies of highly secret and important documents temporarily abstracted from the files of various Government agencies by the espionage agents involved. The film and other information were regularly

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delivered by Gregory to Golos and allegedly turned over by Golos to other Soviet superiors. This information was allegedly then made available through channels of the Soviet intelligence service to the Soviet Union.

Allegations of Gregory

Gregory advised that approximately one or two months prior to the death of Golos on November 27, 1943, it was learned that he had very recently made contact with another underground Soviet espionage group in Washington, D. C. Golos considered this contact as valuable. Gregory points out that he had been placed in contact with this group by Earl Browder early in 1944. At that time Earl Browder indicated to Gregory that Golos had been contacting a new group in Washington, D. C., and had been unable to keep an appointment with them. Browder was anxious for Gregory to meet this group and make the necessary arrangements. Within a reasonable time after this conference with Browder, he informed Gregory that he had made arrangements for a meeting of the group at the apartment of John Abt at Central Park West, near 90th Street, New York City. Abt was employed in 1939 as General Counsel for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, CIO, a position which he still holds and by virtue of which he has served as a close adviser to the late Sidney Hillman. Abt is married to Jessica Smith, who was formerly employed in the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C., and who is now President and Editor of the magazine, "Soviet Russia Today," a Soviet propaganda organ. Jessica Smith was formerly married to Harold Ware, now deceased, the son of Ella Reeve Bloor, an outstanding, long-active Communist figure. Ware headed the Communist underground in the United States Government for a number of years prior to his death.

Gregory states that on the day specified, the appointment was kept at the apartment of John Abt. Gregory was admitted to the apartment by Abt and there met four individuals, none of whom had been previously observed by Gregory. They were introduced as Victor Perlo, Charlie Kramer, Henry Magdoff, later identified as Harry Magdoff, and Edward Fitzgerald. These individuals, according to Gregory, were Government employees in Washington who subsequently assist in furnishing information through Government sources to him. Gregory referred to these individuals as members of the Perlo group. Gregory indicated that the group felt they could talk freely and it is recollected that on this occasion they discussed the payment of their Communist Party dues, as well as the receipt of Communist Party literature from Gregory. There followed a general discussion among all of those present as to the type of information which these people, excepting Abt, would be able to furnish. It was obvious to Gregory that these people, including Abt, had been associated for some time and had been engaged in some sort of espionage for Earl Browder. Gregory recalls that Edward Fitzgerald at the time of this meeting, was employed by the War Production Board. He indicated that he would be able to furnish Gregory with miscellaneous statistical information coming to his attention as a result of his employment at the War Production Board. It is also interesting to note that each member of this group met by Gregory indicated they were delegates "from their group in Washington."

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Gregory had a subsequent meeting with representatives of this group at the apartment of John Abt. It is recalled that at this meeting Perlo and Fitzgerald were present and again there was some conversation concerning the collection and payment of Communist dues by members of this Perlo group. It was the impression of Gregory that this group was in a rather disorganized state and suffering from strife as well as lack of leadership. Subsequent to Gregory's meeting with this group at the apartment of John Abt, meetings were held in the apartment of Mary Price, a former Secretary in Washington. Gregory recalls meeting at irregular intervals with this group from the spring of 1944 to December, 1944. With reference to the individuals of the Perlo group who met at the apartment of Mary Price and who supplied information, Gregory states that Victor Perlo represented this group in meetings more often than other members of the group. Fitzgerald, however, was the supplier of information on four or five occasions. He supplied general information concerning production figures which he obtained from his employment with the War Production Board. In the spring of 1945, after the disassociation of Gregory from contacts with the Perlo group, Fitzgerald made a visit to Gregory on one occasion in New York City during April, 1945. Fitzgerald complained to Gregory concerning his dislike of Victor Perlo and wondered if some other contact could be arranged for him. It is recalled by Gregory that Fitzgerald, a native-born American, was formerly employed in some Governmental capacity in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Subsequently, in the early 1940's, Fitzgerald proceeded to Washington, D. C., and at a later date became associated with the War Production Board and the Foreign Economic Administration. Gregory states definitely that he was a member of the Communist Party.

Gregory described Victor Perlo as the individual responsible for the activities of the Perlo group in Washington. In this connection, Gregory stated that four or five days previous to Christmas, 1944, he met Victor Perlo at the apartment of Mary Price in New York City, and gave Perlo Christmas presents for himself and others in the Perlo group. These Christmas presents, according to Gregory, were purchased by him on the instructions of his Soviet superior at that time whose identity is unknown but who was known to Gregory as "Jack."

Collateral Information from Other Sources

As early as December, 1945, Fitzgerald was known to be in contact with Harry S. Magdoff, who at that time was Chief of the Current Business Analysis Unit of the Commerce Department. It was further learned through a source regarded as completely reliable that Fitzgerald had a New Year's Eve party at his home at 2209 Observatory Place, N. W., on December 31, 1945. Those in attendance included Irving Kaplan, George Perazich, and Abraham George Silverman, all subjects in this investigation. (S) (u)

A reliable source advised that the Fitzgeralds and Magdoffs attended a party at the home of Perol M. Cornelius which was held at 2909 Olive Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., on Saturday night, February 2, 1946. There were (S) (u)

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approximately twenty-five persons in attendance, including Irving Kaplan, and Beatrice Heiman, former secretary to Constantine Gumeny, the former Soviet Ambassador to the United States. Beatrice Heiman is strongly suspected of being a Soviet agent. On April 12, 1946, it was learned through a completely reliable source that Beatrice Heiman invited the Fitzgeralds to a party on April 12, 1946. (X) (U)

A highly confidential and reliable source has advised that on September 22, 1946, Harry Magdoff and Fitzgerald were known to have discussed the controversy which former Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace was having with Mr. Bernard Baruch concerning the United States foreign policy with Russia. In connection with this matter, it was learned that Magdoff, Fitzgerald, V. Lewis Bassie, and Philip Hauser of the Commerce Department were drafting a letter of reply to Mr. Baruch on behalf of Wallace. They were all in agreement that Wallace should not admit that he had made an error. In this connection, a reliable source advised that Fitzgerald and Magdoff have been instrumental in preparing various speeches and letters for former Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace. On one occasion, namely, October 13, 1946, it is known that Fitzgerald mentioned to Magdoff that he, Fitzgerald, could not hear the new Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Harriman, and from what he hears, Harriman was not using "their stuff." (X) (U)

On October 26, 1946, a source, regarded as completely reliable, advised that Fitzgerald told Harry Magdoff that Mr. Harriman had been looking around the office space in the Commerce Department and Fitzgerald was of the opinion that he and Magdoff might lose their jobs sooner than they expected. It was concluded that Mr. Harriman would get rid of them as soon as he desired. They both agreed that they are on their way out but nothing could be done except to sit around and hold their breaths. Harry Magdoff has resigned from the Commerce Department and is presently with the new Council of American Business, Incorporated. (X) (U)

This same reliable informant stated that on October 20, 1946, it appeared that Harry Dexter White, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and a subject of this investigation, together with Irving Kaplan, Harry Magdoff, Edward Fitzgerald, Abraham George Silverman, and V. Lewis Bassie, were endeavoring to organize a political organization which would be financially supported by business friends of Harry Magdoff in New York City. It appeared that after this organization is completed, it will offer its facilities to support Henry A. Wallace and will endeavor to work in conjunction with other labor organizations such as the CIO, PAC, and the AFL. (X) (U)

Edward Fitzgerald has continued his frequent contacts with other subjects in this investigation, including Irving Kaplan, Harry Magdoff, Harry Dexter White, George Parasich and Abraham George Silverman. (X) (U)

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Interview

Edward Joseph Fitzgerald was interviewed by Agents of this Bureau on April 15, 1947, and he furnished the following information.

Concerning his association with Victor Perlo, Fitzgerald stated that he first met Perlo while Perlo was employed with the Office of Price Administration. On this occasion there was a meeting between certain members of the staff of the War Production Board, to which Fitzgerald was attached, and members of the staff of the OPA, one of whom was Perlo's superior. He was unable to remember the nature of the above meeting, but thought that it was held approximately during March, 1943, shortly before Perlo left OPA and came over to the War Production Board.

He said that at the time of Perlo's employment with the WPB, he was doing the same type of work and was in the same office with Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald stated that he was closely associated with Perlo from this time until Fitzgerald left the WPB. He stated that he, along with several other economists, resigned from the War Production Board due to a dispute with their superior and that Perlo remained with the WPB which was contrary to what Fitzgerald and the other economists thought he should have done, and from this point on, Fitzgerald's relations with Perlo were formal. He indicated that he was not as fond of Perlo as he had previously been. He admitted, however, that he had seen Perlo occasionally since that time, the last of which was approximately March, 1947.

With respect to his New York trips, Fitzgerald denied that he had ever made a trip to New York City with Perlo, but admitted that he had seen Perlo in New York City on at least one occasion. He could not recall the time of this meeting nor could he recall any of the activities pertaining to this meeting. He was of the opinion, however, that they probably met to have some drinks. He admitted that this meeting was made by appointment with Perlo, but emphatically denied that any other individuals were present or that they had visited at anyone's apartment.

Fitzgerald admitted that he was a very close friend of Harry Magdoff and that he had been in New York City with Magdoff on many occasions, both while they lived in Philadelphia and since both of them had moved to Washington. He stated the only time that he was in the company of Magdoff or any other individuals mentioned in this case while in New York City was during an election party either in 1936 or 1940. On this occasion they attended a party which was given by a friend of either Irving Kaplan or Harry Magdoff.

In connection with Charles Kramer, he stated that he met Kramer at the same time that he met Perlo, that is, at the meeting between the staff members of OPA and WPB about March of 1943. He stated that he saw Kramer

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periodically after this meeting and had lunch with him on a number of occasions. After Kramer left the OPA he secured a position with the United States Senate. Thereafter, the association between Fitzgerald and Kramer continued for the most part on a business basis as Fitzgerald stated that Kramer would come down from the "Hill" to the War Production Board for some specific purpose. He refused to comment on the fact that it appeared somewhat odd that a casual meeting between him and Kramer should develop such a warm friendship resulting in numerous luncheon dates.

Fitzgerald was asked concerning his knowledge of John Abt, and he admitted having met Abt in Washington when Sidney Hillman was connected with the War Production Board. He indicated that he had met John Abt through Mr. Hillman. Fitzgerald vehemently denied ever having seen John Abt in New York or having ever visited in Abt's apartment. He further denied that he had ever met Harry Magdoff, Charles Kramer, or Irving Kaplan in New York City at anyone's home or apartment as a group.

Fitzgerald denied that he was a Communist Party member or had any Communist Party inclinations, stating that he was opposed to Communism. He said that neither his wife nor any of his acquaintances were Communist Party members or sympathizers. He advised that he did not believe that Magdoff, Kramer, Kaplan, or any other individuals mentioned to him in connection with this matter were Communists.

Throughout the interview, Fitzgerald was uncooperative and surly. He volunteered no information and emphatically denied that he had ever given any restricted Government material to any individual outside of the Government or to any unauthorized persons. (65-56402 WFO report 4/21/47)

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TO : Director, FBI

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Retel from Washington Field 9/4/47 and teletype from Bureau to New York, Newark and Washington Field dated 9/6/47.

On September 5, 1947 a spot check was made to determine whether or not subject SILVERMASTER is still residing at Harvey Cedars, New Jersey. On this date at 12:50 p.m. Agent William H. McLaughlin of this office personally observed SILVERMASTER in the Post Office at Harvey Cedars.

At this time the postmaster of that town, SAMUEL IEAR, advised that SILVERMASTER was still residing with ALEXANDER PORTNOFF at 84th Street and Boulevard, and that to the best of his knowledge, he was still in the process of building his house just north of Harvey Cedars at Long Beach Township. From his observation, there was no indication that SILVERMASTER was in the process of leaving.

In accordance with the Bureau's instructions in the teletype dated September 6, 1947 a spot check was conducted of SILVERMASTER at Harvey Cedars, New Jersey, on September 8, 1947. On this date at 12:30 p.m. SILVERMASTER was observed sitting on the front porch of PORTNOFF's house. In addition, it was observed that the house allegedly being built by SILVERMASTER is still in the process of construction as several men were working on it. ~~RECORDING~~

SAMUEL IEAR, Postmaster, Harvey Cedars, New Jersey, advised that Mrs. P. K. HABICHT visited the SILVERMASTERS or PORTNOFFS for several weeks during the summer and left on August 1, 1947, leaving a forwarding address of 3220 Chestnut Street N. W., Washington, D. C. He recalled that Mrs. HABICHT received a lot of newspapers from Russia which had been forwarded to her from Washington and that he believed that she was connected with the Russian Embassy. She was accompanied by an individual said to be her son, although he had another name.

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Washington Field

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Mrs. HABICET was described as follows:

Age	40 to 45
Height	5' 6" or 7"
Weight	140 lbs.
Complexion	Ruddy
Hair	Brown

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Jag*

Mr. IEAR stated that a BORIS P. WITTE was also receiving mail at Box #1, which is used by PORTNOFF and SILVERMASTER and he displayed at this time a package for WITTE from Prescott's Pharmacy, Meredith, New Hampshire. WITTE has been around Harvey Cedars during all the summer of 1947.

Mr. IEAR produced a letter postmarked 7:30 p.m. September 7, 1947 at New York City addressed to Mrs. ANATOLE VOLKOV, c/o G. SILVERMASTER, Harvey Cedars, and it had a return address of 201 W. 77th Street, Apartment 1-G, New York City.

Arrangements were effected with Mr. IEAR to furnish this office with any observations made by him which in any way would indicate that SILVERMASTER intended to move from Harvey Cedars, New Jersey. He stated that SILVERMASTER came into the Post Office practically every day to sign for a registered letter or some package; also that he frequently had to deliver special delivery letters to the PORTNOFF residence where SILVERMASTER is now residing.

Spot checks will be made of SILVERMASTER in accordance with Bureau instructions and any information developed that SILVERMASTER intends to leave the country will be promptly furnished to the Bureau.

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ASST. DIR. D.M. LADD

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NEW YORK DAILY MIRROR, DATED SEPT. 7, 1947, CARRIED THE FOLLOWING
ARTICLE. QUOTE REVEAL JURY PROBE OF U.S. DATA THEFT FOR REDS.
WASHINGTON, SEPT. 6.-- THE INSIDE STORY ON THE MYSTERIOUS NEW YORK
GRAND JURY WHICH HAS BEEN QUIZZING CERTAIN STATE, WAR AND TREASURY
DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS CAN NOW BE TOLD. THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IS TRACK-
ING DOWN THE LEAK OF WAR SECRETS TO RUSSIA, INCLUDING CERTAIN BLUE-
PRINTS OF THE FAMOUS B-29 BOMBERS AND OTHER IMPORTANT ARMY PLANES.
IN ALL, 15 HAVE BEEN QUIZZED, BUT THE GUILT HAS NARROWED DOWN TO
THREE MEN, ALL MINOR EX-OFFICIALS OF THE WAR AND TREASURY DEPARTMENTS.
HERE IS HOW THE SOVIET SPY RING OPERATED ALMOST UNDER THE NOSE OF THE
WHITE HOUSE. ONE TREASURY MAN, WHO HAD BEEN WITH THE AGRICULTURE DE-
PARTMENT, HAD A PHOTO LABORATORY IN SILVER SPRING, MD., ON THE OUT-
SKIRTS OF WASHINGTON. HE WORKED IN THE TREASURY PROCUREMENT DIVISION,
WHICH DEALS WITH PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES. TWO WAR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS--
ONE AN AIR CORPS MAJOR-- BOTH ATTACHED TO THE TREASURY TO ADVISE ON
PURCHASE OF AVIATION MATERIAL, ARE ACCUSED OF TAKING BLUEPRINTS AND
CONFIDENTIAL PLANS OUT OF THE TWO DEPARTMENTS TO A FRIEND-S LABORA-
TORY, WHERE THEY WERE PHOTOGRAPHED.

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THE PHOTOGS, ACCORDING TO JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION, WERE TURNED OVER TO A SOVIET AGENT WHO CARRIED THEM TO NEW YORK AND GAVE ~~THEM TO~~ THEM TO

THE HEAD OF RUSSIA-S TOP SECRET POLICE, THE NKVD. THIS WAS WHILE THE WAR WAS ON. THE OFFICIALS INVOLVED WERE MINOR, BUT TWO HANDLED IMPORTANT AVIATION SECRETS AND ONE WAS AN EXPERT IN PUSHING B-29 PRODUCTION. ARMY OFFICERS ADMITTED PRIVATELY THEY HAD KNOWN THE RUSSIANS COULD BUILD B-29S. U.S. INTELLIGENCE REPORTS INDICATE SEVERAL WERE FINISHED BY THE RUSSIANS SOME TIME AGO. RUMORS WERE THAT THE NEW YORK GRAND JURY WAS PROBING HIGH EX-OFFICIALS, ESPECIALLY IN THE TREASURY AND OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES. SUCH QUESTIONS AS QUOTE DO YOU KNOW EX-SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY MORGENTHAU. END QUOTE. AND QUOTE DO YOU KNOW GEN. WILLIAM DONOVAN, HEAD OF THE QUOTE OSS. END QUOTE. HAVE BEEN ASKED WITNESSES. BUT NO HIGH OFFICIALS ARE INVOLVED. THE FIRST TIP ON THE RUSSIAN ESPIONAGE RING IN WASHINGTON CAME WHEN IGOR GOUZENKO, SOVIET CODE CLERK IN OTTAWA, GAVE HIMSELF UP, AND TOLD OF THE CANADIAN SPY RING, NAMING ONE OR TWO AMERICANS. THOUGH NEVER PUBLISHED, THEIR NAMES WERE SENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE BY PRIME MINISTER MACKENZIE KING. THIS WAS ONLY A DISTANT CLUE. THE MAIN JOB OF TRACING A LONG CHAIN OF COMPLICATED EVIDENCE WAS CARRIED ON BY THE FBI, LARGELY AS A RESULT OF A NEW WITNESS.

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cc: Mr Ladd

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MR. REMINGTON asked for Mrs. BEES (PH) and was told that she is at Burgundy Farms.

MR. REMINGTON asked for Mrs. ALLEN. Not in.

MR. REMINGTON asked Mrs. BEES at Burgundy Farms if she could enter BRUCE at the school. Mrs. BEES said yes, but he would have to take a developmental test at 1321 NH Ave. NW, and MR. REMINGTON can arrange for it by calling MI-5878.

MR. REMINGTON to Remedial Education (MI-5878) and arranged an appointment for BRUCE to take a test Monday at 9:30 am.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm
MR. E.A.H.
MR. Tolson
MR. Nichols

In connection with the attached article appearing in the Baltimore Sun for today, I do want to call attention to this situation which I anticipated would arise as a result of the conducting of interviews in the Gregory case at the homes of subjects late in the evening.

If I recall correctly, when this matter was first broached I questioned the desirability of the procedure recommended and inquired as to why these persons should not be interviewed in our Field Offices. I was informed that to do so might result in rumors and a certain amount of excitement or hysteria, and I consequently yielded to what at the time I considered my better judgment and which subsequent events have substantiated.

Notwithstanding the fact that we interviewed individuals at their homes in the evening rumors have been rampant nevertheless, and as a result of our procedure we are now charged with a "campaign of terror" by "awakening liberal Government employees in the middle of the night and interrogating them at great length." All of this, I believe, would have been avoided, in so far as a charge of "terror" is concerned if we had conducted our interviews in the day and at our Field Offices or at the place of employment of the persons to be interviewed.

I think it is basically undesirable, except in most unusual situations, to interview persons at their homes in the evening. I am of course referring to persons who are not to be arrested but are being interviewed for information. As a general practice I desire that the interviews to be conducted by our Agents be conducted in the daytime and preferably in our offices or at the place of business of the person to be interviewed, or at the person's home, unless the person to be interviewed specifically requests to the contrary.

Here is another instance where we have failed to properly evaluate the consequences of our acts and anticipate the charges that may be against us. As I have previously indicated, we are very initially "on the spot" irrespective of what we do, but I think we

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ought to always strive to conduct ourselves and our activities in a manner as will lend the least basis for attacks upon us by elements that are hostile to the Bureau and are desirous of smearing it.

Please see that my desires in this matter are henceforth carried out and that the procedure concerning interviews with persons, as I have indicated I desire to be followed, are at once transmitted to the field service.

Very truly yours,

[Handwritten signature: J E H]
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Attachment (with Mr. Tamm's copy)

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Director, FBI

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Kenneth M. O'Brien, New York City, dated August 23, 1967, which reflects the results of an interview with Lamblin R. Currie, a subject in this case. Although Currie was interviewed generally concerning his knowledge of numerous subjects in this case,

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Currie stated that he first met Grumov sometime in 1944 through an introduction by Luther Gulick; that Gulick stated Grumov was a very interesting Russian who spoke rather openly and therefore he thought it would be a good idea for Currie to meet him. The interview further reflected that Currie admitted visiting Grumov's house once in 1945 and that this visit was subsequently returned by Grumov. He also said that he saw Grumov on at least two other occasions after Currie left the Government service in June, 1945. (S)(u)

For your information, Luther Elsey Gulick in May, 1945, was employed as an assistant to Henry Mervish, who was Chairman of the Smaller War Plants Corporation in Washington, D. C. The Bureau files reflect that Gulick in 1945 was investigated as a Special Inquiry matter for a position with the Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense as a \$1 a year man. At that time, Gulick was Director of the Institute of Public Administration, New York City, and Consultant of the Commission of State and Local Cooperation, Washington, D. C. He was born in Osaka, Japan, on January 17, 1902. He served on a number of Government research commissions and councils and has been employed as a university professor. He also has served as Assistant Chief of the Section, Council of National Defense, during the World War and was Captain of the Statistics Branch. His address was given as 14 Sussex Avenue, Bronxville, New York, office address - 221 Broadway, New York City. Nothing of a derogatory nature was developed during the course of that investigation. (62-80092-19) (S)(u)

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This interview must be conducted vigorously since it is believed that [REDACTED] is in possession of much more information than he volunteered on the occasion of his initial interview. For your assistance in conducting this interview, you should specifically ask Garrie the following questions, believed to be pertinent to this and other cases:

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2. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED] (S)
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12. Currie stated during his interview that he could not recall discussing with Abraham George Silverman the United States was about to break the Russian code. However, he said it was possible that he had heard that the United States was about to break the Russian code and if he actually did hear this, he would have had no hesitancy in discussing this with Silverman because of the highly responsible Government position held by Silverman. Currie should be questioned relative to the "highly responsible Government position" held by Silverman, it being noted that Silverman was a civilian employee of the Army Air Forces. (S)
13. You will recall that Gregory stated that in the latter part of 1943, Silvermaster had discussed with "Bill," Gregory's Soviet contact at that time, the advisability of introducing Currie and Harry White directly to "Bill." Gregory stated that Silvermaster was not in favor of taking this action and presumably this meeting was never arranged. Since it is possible that this meeting was arranged without Gregory's knowledge, the descriptions of "Bill" and the unknown subject "Jack" should be made known to Currie and gone over with him in minute detail in an effort to make an identification of these individuals. It is possible that they were Soviet officials who were contacted by Currie or known to him prior to the time that Ernest Gurnov. It will not be necessary, of course, to advise him of their activities in connection with this case. (S)

I want to strongly emphasize that this reinterview should be conducted in a vigorous manner and every effort to develop additional information in connection with the above phases of this case should be made since it is believed that Currie is in a position to materially assist in this investigation.

This interview should be handled promptly by Agents thoroughly conversant with this case and the Bureau should be advised immediately of the results.

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Transmit the following message to:

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *DL*
FROM : Mr. Fitch *2/1/48*
SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER
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This is to advise that on September 11, 1947 Mr. G. Hollis Stewart, Employees Relations Office, Division of Personnel, Bureau of Census, made a telephonic request of the Liaison Section, concerning any information regarding Philip Morris Hauser, who is described as a high official in the Census Bureau and former professor at the University of Chicago. Mr. Stewart advised that Hauser was requesting leave without pay to return to Chicago, and stated he, Stewart, would appreciate having the information concerning Hauser on September 12, 1947 by a return telephone call.

The files of this Bureau were searched and contained numerous references to Philip Morris Hauser in the Gregory Espionage Case which investigation is pending at the present time.

Supervisor, John N. Dinsmore, of the Liaison Section, conferred with Supervisor, F. L. Jones, of the Security Section, and it was decided that the following information could be given to Mr. Stewart concerning Philip Morris Hauser.

In March, 1941 Mrs. Philip M. Hauser, 2911 2nd Street, Arlington, Virginia was a member of the League of Women Shoppers (100-7053-59).

Philip Morris Hauser, U. S. Department of Commerce, is a known contact of a close associate of an admittedly important Soviet Espionage Agent who operated in Washington, D. C. from 1941 to 1944 (65-56402).

In June, 1946 Philip Morris Hauser spoke at a meeting of about 35 members of the Chicago Chapter of the New Council of American Business, Inc. at the Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois in connection with "Save the OPA Campaign" (100-340089-25).

A highly confidential and reliable source advised that in September, 1946 when former Secretary of Commerce, Henry A. Wallace, was having his controversy with Bernard Baruch regarding U. S. foreign policy with respect to atomic energy, Hauser, who was then one of Wallace's advisers, assisted in preparing Wallace's letter of reply to Mr. Baruch on behalf of Wallace (65-56402) (S) (u).

This matter was handled telephonically on September 12, 1947.

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TITLE NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was., et al		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Background given on Postal employee not contact of subject KRAMER. CHARLES L. WINSTEAD is former war worker and presently independent painting contractor. MILTON S. TYRE has background of C.P. membership and is partner in well known Communist and legal firm. TYRE is attorney for Hollywood Community Radio Group. ELLI CORWIN, Hollywood writer, has been active in Communist front organizations and stockholder of Hollywood Community Radio Group, being supported by active C.P. members. NAT P. CORNER is independent building materials broker in Beverly Hills. SAMUEL RUBIN is friendly with WILLIAM WINTER, news analyst, with communist inclinations. Other contacts noted. BELA JOSEPH, story editor, presently employed by Audio Products Company, Sound Equipment, Hollywood. Is closely associated with LARRY PARKS, actor with Communist inclinations. BELA BOBKIN is Polish born wife of MORRIS BOBKIN, writer, employed locally.

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Bureau File No. 65-56402.
New York letter, dated 11-19-46.
Washington, D. C. letters, dated 2-20-46 and 3-4-47.
Report of Special Agent M. DONALD ALDRICH, dated 3-13-47, at Los Angeles.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent
PAUL J. MOLLOY.

The Santa Monica City Directory for 1942, was checked and it was determined that a JOHN ~~V.~~ STEPHENS was listed for 1513 11th Street, Santa Monica, his occupation being given as Special Delivery Messenger at the Post Office. At the same address, were listed ROBERT ~~M.~~ STEPHENS, a Western Union Messenger, and AUGUSTA STEPHENS.

Information contained in the records of Source A reflects that

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In view of STEPHENS' employment by the Post Office it is not felt that his presence there indicated contact with subject KRAMER, therefore no further investigation is being conducted regarding this individual.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

CHARLES L. WINSTEAD

This individual, who was a contact of subject CHARLES KRAMER during the latter's visit to Los Angeles in May 1946, is a former painter and painting contractor. He is presently the manager of a paint store at 4634 Whittier Boulevard, East Los Angeles, according to the records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association. He does business under the firm name of National Paint Store; resides with his wife, THERESA at 6115 Easton Street. They own their home and have one child. During the war WINSTEAD was employed on various jobs in the Los Angeles area, Detroit, Michigan and at San Diego, California, according to Source B, who furnished the following information from her records:

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WINSTEAD is described as follows:

Age
Name
Date of birth
Place of birth
Height
Weight
Eyes
Hair
Complexion
Scars and marks
Citizen
Social Security No.

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CHARLES LOWERY WINSTEAD
September 22, 1910
Cerulean, Trigg County, Kentucky
5' 6 1/2"
170 lbs.
Brown
Brown
Light
Scar above knee on left leg
American

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Name
Age
Date of birth
Place of birth
Height
Social Security No.

THERESA McDONOUGH WINSTEAD
28
October 17, 1918
New Hampshire
5' 2"

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WINSTEAD'S telephone, number UNION 1-5307, was installed on December 29, 1945, according to a check of the records of the telephone company by Special Agent ROBERT C. BYRNES. A check of toll calls was negative.

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Special Employee GENE BURGE checked the records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association and they revealed that WINSTEAD furnished the following references: Mrs. ANTHONY DUARTE, 6123 Easton Street, Union 1-2513; Mrs. B. C. MOULDINOTT, 6084 Easton. Mrs. WINSTEAD'S mother was given as Mrs. ANNA GELINAS, 617 Burger Avenue.

Electrical service for this individual was begun March 28, 1942 at 6115 Easton Street, according to the records of M. G. BARNES, Credit Agent, Southern California Edison Company, Montebello Office. WINSTEAD'S employer was shown on service contract as Powers Construction Company. He is listed as the owner. WINSTEAD'S prior address was given as 4809 Hubbard where service was in the name of W. D. WOODHOUSE, owner, since May 1941.

The records of the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters reflect a registration dated June 15, 1942 for Mr. and Mrs. WINSTEAD, but no additional information is contained therein. Records of the Los Angeles Police Department and Sheriff's Office were checked with negative results. The indices of the Los Angeles Office are negative.

MILTON S. TYRE

Information regarding the background and activities of this individual was requested by the Washington office in referenced letters dated February 26, 1947 and March 4, 1947.

MILTON SANFORD TYRE is a junior partner of the law firm of KATZ, GALLAGHER & MARGOLIS, 111 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, a prominent Communist legal partnership. He and his wife, JUNE TYRE, are both active members of the Communist Party, Wilshire-Fairfax Section. the 1946 edition of Martindale and Hubbell Legal Directory reflects that TYRE was born in 1917, received a BA Degree at U.C.L.A. and an LLB Degree at Harvard. He was admitted to the Bar in California in 1941.

TYRE has been representing the Hollywood Community Radio Group, a Communist infiltrated organization, locally. Source C advised that ALLAN ROBERT ROSENBERG, a subject of this case, was in Hollywood in October and December 1946 in connection with the application of this group for an FM Channel, and discussed it with TYRE. Before and after his first visit in October of 1946, ROSENBERG had several telephone conversations with TYRE at the following telephone numbers:

6-4-46 Vandyke 7135 - This phone is listed to OVERTON HYMAN, Plumb Prince & Vermille, Attorneys, 727 West 7th Street, Room 733, as a trunk line to Vandyke 7133 (or may have been transposition of VA 7153, see below).

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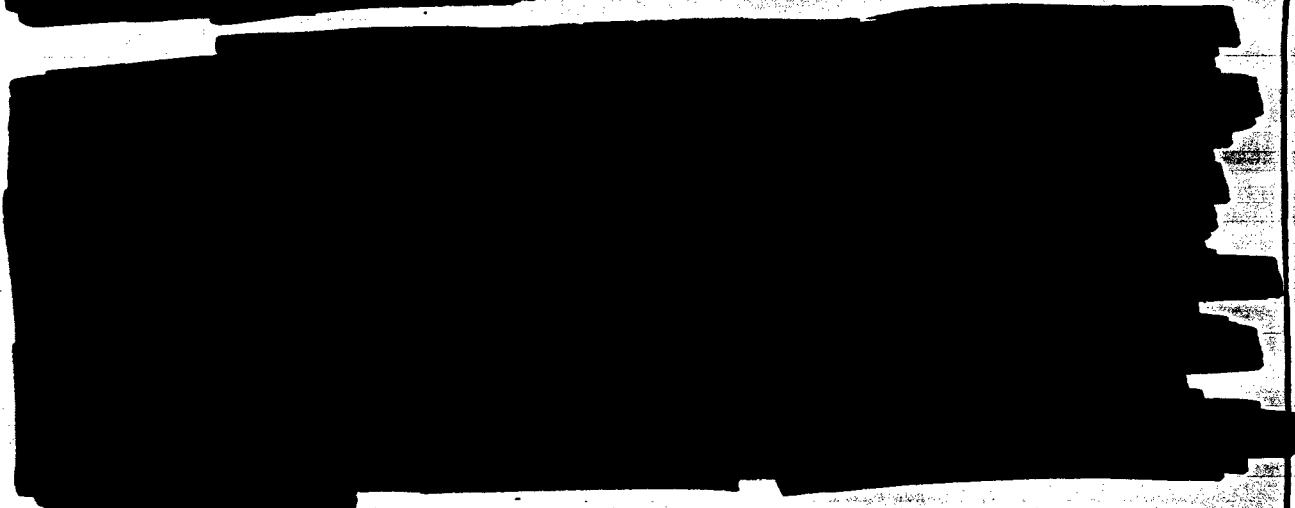
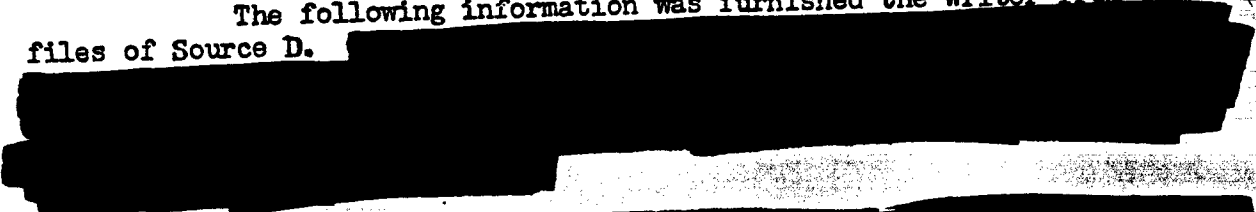
6-17-46 Hillside 4197 - Listed to Screen Cartoon Guild Local
852, 6272 Yucca Street, 2nd Floor.
7-10; Vandyke 7153 - Listed to KATZ, GALLAGHER & MARGOLIS,
10-18, Attorneys, 111 West 7th Street.
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11-1-46 Hillside 4342 - Listed to MILTON S. TYRE, 1234 North
Crescent Heights Boulevard.

Mr. WILLIAM McKEE, Investigation Department, Southern California
Gas Company, 810 South Flower Street, stated his records show commencement of
gas service for TYRE at 1234 North Crescent Heights Boulevard on August 11,
1944, with application being signed by Mrs. M. S. TYRE as owner, former address
454 South Robertson, employer, as above.


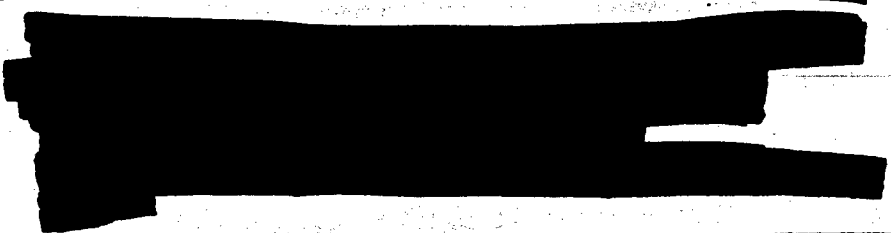
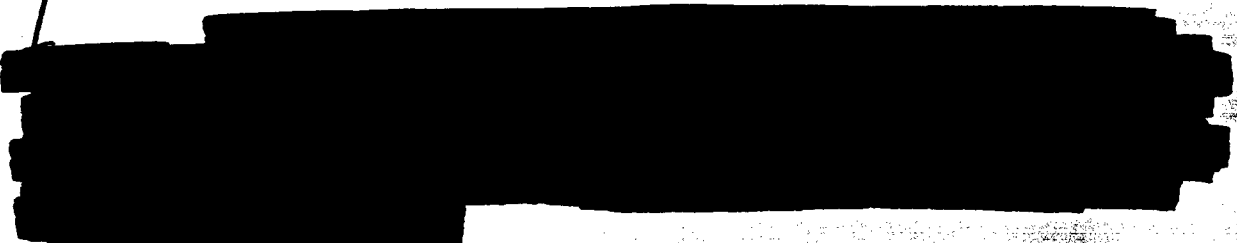
Records at the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, 808 North
Spring Street, reflect a registration dated September 28, 1944 for MILTON S.
TYRE; occupation attorney; 6 feet 6 inches; born Massachusetts; Democrat.
There was a registration dated September 1, 1944 for Mrs. JUNE F. TYRE;
occupation housewife; 5 feet 2 inches; born California; Democrat. Both
listed their present and previous addresses as noted above.

The following information was furnished the writer from the
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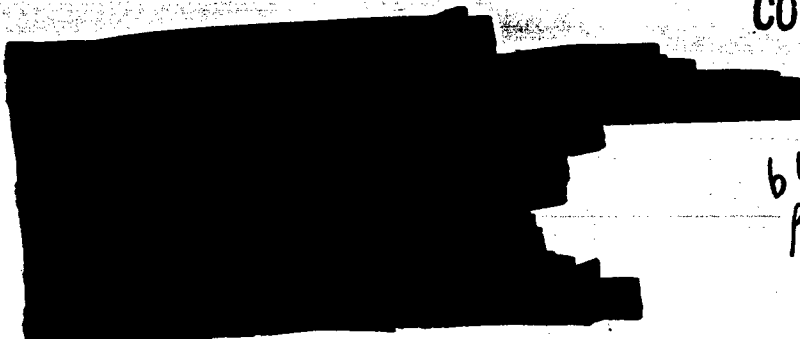
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The records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association reflect that TYRE maintains a bank account at the Bank of America, 7th and Spring Streets, with a balance in the middle three figures, and a savings account at the Coast Federal Savings and Loan Association, 9th and Broadway, with a balance in the low four figures. Activities of TYRE in connection with the Communist movement as reflected by the indices of this office show that he was instructor at the People's Educational Center in 1944. The following description of TYRE was obtained from Source D:

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A.S.EMIL CORWIN

Information regarding EMIL CORWIN was requested by referenced letter from Washington Field, dated February 26, 1947. Subject ALLAN ROBERT ROSENBERG had a conversation with EMIL CORWIN on telephone HOLLYWOOD 6235. This telephone number is listed to BARDWELL & McALISTER, INCORPORATED, 911 North Orange Drive, a firm which deals in sound and lighting equipment for the motion picture and radio industries. Inasmuch as CORWIN has no connection with this firm no further investigation was conducted of the firm.

It was ascertained from the records of the Registrar of Voters that EMIL CORWIN resides at 8960 Vista Grande Avenue, West Hollywood. The telephone directory lists his telephone number as CRestview 1-0106. In a registration dated February 7, 1946, CORWIN listed his occupation as a writer, stating that this is his first registration in the state. He further stated he was born in Massachusetts and gave his height as 5 feet 6 inches.

The records of the Southern California Gas Company, 810 South Flower Street, were searched by Mr. WILLIAM MCKEE and he stated that the application of CORWIN for service showed employment by the Famous Artists Corporation, 9441 Wilshire, giving as reference the Bank of America, Beverly Drive and Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California. This service was commenced on April 16, 1945 and CORWIN'S former address was shown as 325 East 41st Street, New York City.

The records of the Pacific Telephone Company were searched by Special Agent ROBERT C. BYRNES and CORWIN'S employment with the Famous Artists Corporation was stated to have begun in December 1944. His telephone was connected on July 7, 1945 and the following toll calls were shown during a three month period:

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12-24-46 - Miss ~~HARRIET FEDER~~, c/o ~~JEROME FEDER~~,
2845 Mayfield Road, Cleveland, Ohio, telephone
ERieview 0194.

12-26-47 - ~~BARTLEY CRUM~~, San Francisco telephone
FILmore 4402.

12-31-46 - Boston, Massachusetts telephone OCean
1481W.

1-20-47 - ~~HARRY BUTCHER~~, Santa Barbara 3981.

A spot check of the premises at 8960 Vista Grande Street showed that this address is a single residence and a 1940 Buick Sedan was parked in front, bearing 1947 California plate 86 N 187. The Division of Motor Vehicles advised this car is registered to ~~HARRY L. SHENDLER~~, 8960 Vista Grande Street.

Information was received from Source E that ~~EMIL CORWIN~~ was one of the original directors on the board of the Hollywood Community Radio Group, along with various known Communist Party members. The legal firm for this corporation is ~~KATZ, GALLAGHER & MARGOLIS~~, and the escrow holder for the stock of the corporation is ~~MILTON TYRE~~, regarding whom information has been set out above in this report.

~~CORWIN~~, according to this source, is also a stockholder in the Hollywood Community Radio Group to the extent of 189 shares of common stock and 6 shares of preferred.

At a hearing of the corporation before the Federal Communications Commission on December 18, 1946, in connection with its application for AM and FM radio broadcast licenses, the informant stated that ~~CORWIN~~ was on the Board of Directors, and that ~~MILTON TYRE~~ and ~~ALLAN ROSENBERG~~, of Washington, D. C., were attorneys acting in behalf of the corporation. Agent was advised by Source F that ~~CORWIN'S~~ business address was given on a list of stockholders of this corporation as 308 South Peck Drive, and his residence address as 8960 Vista Grande, while ~~HYMAN S. KRAFT~~, another stockholder and local Communist figure, gave his residence address as 308 South Peck Drive, and his business address as ~~WILLIAM MORRIS~~ Agency, Beverly Hills. This informant stated ~~CORWIN~~ has been known to associate with Communist Party members and has been supported in his activities by active members of the C.P.

It was stated by Source G that ~~CORWIN~~ is a native of Boston, Massachusetts, having been born there on April 28, 1903.

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Source F further stated that another stockholder of the Hollywood Community Radio Group is DON WEST, business address HAAS, BARUCH & COMPANY, 421 East 2nd Street, residence address 2330 Strand, Hermosa Beach. Another stockholder is ROBERT TRIEST, also with HAAS, BARUCH & COMPANY, residence address 245 South Norton. TRIEST gave as a bank reference the Union Bank and Trust Company, 8th and Hill Street. It may be noted that in the report of Special Agent M. DONALD ALDRICH, dated September 30, 1946, at Los Angeles, ROBERT TRIEST was contacted by subject NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER on June 12, 1946, during the latter's visit to Los Angeles. Information on page 18 of that report was that TRIEST has been friendly with individuals who are, or have been, subjects of Security investigations in this office. Telephonic contact of subject SILVERMASTER with an unidentified individual at HAAS, BARUCH & COMPANY during that period could have been either TRIEST or DON WEST. Further information regarding activities of EMIL CORWIN in connection with organizations of a Communist nature was furnished by Source H who advised in February 1947 that CORWIN is one of the directors of an organization called the Western Council for Progressive Business, Labor and Agriculture. This organization has been infiltrated by Communists and fellow travelers. This organization has sponsored radio broadcasts by PETER DE LIMA and AVERILL BERMAN, both of whom are subjects of Security investigations by this office.

Information regarding the background of CORWIN was furnished by Source I who stated that EMIL CORWIN, a brother of NORMAN CORWIN, has been in radio for 16 years and was in 1946 the Executive Secretary of the California Committee for Radio Freedom, with headquarters at his residence. This informant advised that CORWIN became the Executive Secretary of the organization when its name was changed from the Emergency Committee on KFI, to its present name. Both organizations are Communist infiltrated and were formed to protest the action of Radio Station KFI in releasing leftist employees who had been active in radio broadcasting. Informant advised that in April 1946, EMIL CORWIN attended a dinner which was given honoring his brother, NORMAN, which dinner was sponsored jointly by, and the proceeds split equally between, the California Committee for Radio Freedom, and the Hollywood Independent Citizens' Committee of Arts, Sciences and Professions. Contacts were noted by this informant between CORWIN and HY KRAFT, another member of the committee, and with CHARLES KATZ, acting attorney for the C.C.R.F. This source advised further that CORWIN was formerly in charge of the war-time radio activities of the United States Department of Agriculture, and more recently head of the Radio Division of the CIO-PAC.

The "Hollywood Reporter", a daily newspaper in Hollywood, in its issue of December 17, 1946, stated CORWIN was on a radio forum program presented to 600 people at El Patio Theater in Hollywood on December 16th, by the Hollywood Writers Mobilization, a Communist front organization. He

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was listed for this program as the Executive Secretary of the C.C.R.F. The "California Eagle", in the issue of September 12, 1946, listed the sponsors for a "School of Political Action Technics", which was conducted in Los Angeles on September 28, and 29, 1946, by the N.C.P.A.C. This list included EMIL CORWIN whose occupation is given as a broadcaster, as well as several individuals who were identified as members of the Communist Party.

The records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association, the Los Angeles Police Department and Sheriff's Office were checked on CORWIN, with negative results.

NAT P. CORNER

By letter dated September 11, 1947, the Washington Office requested information regarding the occupants of Apartment 5, 264 South Reeves Drive, Beverly Hills, California. NAT P. CORNER formerly resided at this address and is presently living at 224 South Tower Drive, Beverly Hills. Some information regarding this individual was contained in referenced report of Special Agent M. DONALD ALDRICH, dated March 13, 1947.

The records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association were checked by Special Employee GENE BURGE and a report dated March 18, 1947 was found which described CORNER as age 49; wife, ANNE; residence, 264 South Reeves Drive, Beverly Hills; employed 2 years at his residence as a building material and general merchandise broker. This report stated CORNER claims earnings of \$12,000 a year. The Ninth Federal Savings and Loan Association, New York City, stated to the Credit Association that CORNER formerly maintained several savings-share accounts with that institution but all were closed and cancelled presently. Property at 224 South Tower Drive was stated to be owned in part by CORNER, whose interest in the property is valued at \$10,000. CORNER, according to this report, has a wife and two children dependent.

The records of Dun and Bradstreet were checked for information regarding the merchandise brokerage business of CORNER, with negative results.

Records of the Southern California Merchants Association were checked by Special Employee BASCOM SHANKS for the name of CORNER, with negative results.

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A thirty day mail cover placed on CORNER'S address reflected letters addressed to ~~NAT CORNER~~ from DAVID PERL, 901 South Kingsley Drive; The Southern California Committee to Win the Peace, 206 South Spring Street, Room 334, and 1574 East 46th Street, Los Angeles. There were also letters addressed to ANNE ~~RADOFF BIEDERMAN~~ and ANNE ~~RADOFF CORNER~~, CORNER'S wife. The Los Angeles files are negative on the above individuals but reflect that The Southern California Committee to Win the Peace is a Communist front organization.

The records of the business licenses issued by the Office of the City Clerk, City of Beverly Hills, were checked by the writer for business license issued to CORNER, with negative results.

The records of the Registrar of Voters, 808 North Spring Street, reflect a registration dated September 19, 1946 for CORNER in which his occupation is shown as salesman. In this registration he stated he was born in Illinois and is 5 feet 8½ inches tall.

The records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association were checked by Special Employee BURGE and a report on Mrs. CORNER was found reflecting her name as ANNE ~~BIEDERMAN~~, who was divorced from DAN D. ~~BIEDERMAN~~ of 12230 Falkirk Lane, West Los Angeles, on July 28, 1944. Final decree entered July 1945.

The records of the Registrar of Voters contains a record on this individual as Mrs. ANNE R. ~~BIEDERMAN~~, dated April 22, 1946, which showed her Falkirk Lane address as her former address, giving her present address as 264 South Reeves Drive. On this registration she advised she was born in Texas and was 5 feet 3 inches in height. Information was furnished by Source J that Mrs. ANNE R. ~~BIEDERMAN~~ in December 1942 opened an account with the Security-First National Bank in Westwood, giving as her address at that time 12230 Falkirk Lane, and her former address in June 1940 as 455½ South Palm Drive, Beverly Hills. The records of this informant reflected that this individual was born in Houston, Texas and that her mother's maiden name was GOLDIE ~~RABINOWITZ~~. In this bank she maintains both a savings and checking account of relatively small balances. She was originally introduced at the bank by PAUL ~~TROUSDALE~~, a local builder.

SAMUEL RUBIN

The activities of SAMUEL RUBIN, as furnished to the writer by VERN CLARK, Assistant Manager, Beverly Hills Hotel, consist only of entertaining various visitors to the city from San Francisco and vicinity.

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In March 1947 a tentative reservation was made at the Beverly Hills Hotel by RUBIN for Mrs. RUBIN. This reservation was in the names of Mrs. FOX, Mrs. SARONI, Mrs. BCAS, Mrs. HERZOG and Mrs. EHRLICH. Reservations were picked up on March 19, 1947, according to Assistant Manager ~~NED CRIST~~, by Mr. and Mrs. S. G. ~~HERZOG~~, 171 Selby Lane, Ashton, California, Mrs. ALFRED SARONI, 3580 Washington Street, San Francisco, California, and Mrs. PHILLIP EHRLICH, 45 McLaren Street, San Francisco.

The Los Angeles Office indices were checked for the names of these individuals, with negative results.

These people stayed five days in Los Angeles and then returned to the Bay Region. The visit was purely social in nature, according to CRIST and CLARK.

A search of the records of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company was made by Special Agent R. C. BYRNES for toll calls to RUBIN'S private telephone. The following phone numbers were noted during a three months period:

MALibu 8751 - Listed to ARNOLD NORTH, 21416 Malibu Road, Pacific Palisades.
 GRchard 7-0387 - Listed to J. W. LATHOM, 517 West Fairview Boulevard, Inglewood.
 PROspect 6-9276 - Kappa Sigma Fraternity, 928 West 28th Street.
 TRinity 5734 - Mr. JOHN ~~S.~~ WILSON, M.D., 1136 West 6th Street, Room 408.
 Long Beach 666348 - Listed to GEORGE ~~BOWER~~, 1910 Chestnut Street, Long Beach.
 Santa Monica 65923 - Listed to Del Mar Club, Santa Monica.

Other calls were made to business houses which are not being listed and the indices of the Los Angeles Office are negative on the above numbers and individuals with the exception of a few regarding whom information is set out below. The bulk of toll calls made from RUBIN'S phone were to individuals in San Francisco and vicinity who are apparently relatives of the RUBINS. They are therefore not being listed.

Regarding J. W. LATHOM, Assistant Manager CRIST stated that an individual by the name of LATHOM is married to Colonel RUBIN'S stepdaughter who was formerly Miss PATRICIA GREEN. CRIST advised he had no other information regarding LATHOM, except that he had been going to visit his in-laws

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during the first part of 1947 but did not come down from San Francisco since it was impossible to confirm reservations.

Records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association were searched by Special Employee BURGE and a credit report dated in April 1946 was found for JEAN W. LATHOM showing his wife's name as PATRICIA GREEN, giving his address as the Beverly Hills Hotel, Room 114, Beverly Hills, California. Former addresses in San Francisco were given as Hotel Mark Hopkins and Green's Eye Hospital, 1801 Bush Street. LATHOM'S employment is shown in this report as Crew Assistant with the Southern California Edison Company, Inglewood, California. This report stated however that the Los Angeles Offices of the Edison Company reported they had no record of him being in their employ.

According to San Francisco report LATHOM was formerly in the U. S. Navy and PATRICIA GREEN was formerly engaged at Green's Hospital.

The Credit Association records reflect that PATRICIA GREEN is the daughter of the late Dr. AARON S. GREEN, former owner of Green's Eye Hospital. According to this record a marriage license was issued to LATHOM and PATRICIA GREEN in San Francisco on January 24, 1946.

Information was supplied to this office by Source K, whose reliability is known to the Bureau,

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The records of the Registrar of Voters at Los Angeles reflect a registration dated April 3, 1946 for JEAN W. LATHOM at 517 West Fairview Boulevard, Inglewood. He is shown as being born in California, 5 feet 10 inches in height, occupation crew assistant. It was stated that this was his first registration in Los Angeles County.

The indices of this office were negative with regard to GEORGE BOWER. A registration was found for GEORGE R. BOWER at the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters Office showing his address as 1910 Chestnut Street, Long Beach and dated April 25, 1946. His former address was shown as 2035 Pine, Long Beach, occupation transportation, height 5 feet 11 inches, born in New York.

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Information was furnished by Source L that one GEORGE BOWER of El Modeno, California was a member of Mankind United in 1941. It is not known whether this individual is identical with the contact of SAMUEL RUBIN indicated above.

In April 1947 a reservation was made by Mrs. RUBIN for Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM WINTER. Their address was given as Teleways Radio, 8949 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles. The indices of the Los Angeles Office reflect that WILLIAM WINTER, a radio news commentator of San Francisco and Los Angeles, is a fellow traveler and has been a contact of such individuals as STEPAN APRISIAN, PETER IVANOV, ANNA LOUISE STRONG, who have been identified with activities of the Communist Party in the U.S.S.R. In his broadcasts WINTER has at times slanted his material toward the "left".

BELLA JOSEPH

Referenced letter of Washington, dated February 20, 1947, requested the identity and background of this individual who had been in communication with subject MAYNARD GERTLER. Her telephone number was given as Gladstone 6547. It was ascertained that this telephone number is listed to LARRY PARKS, Apartment 5, 1352 North Havenhurst Drive.

A spot check at these premises by reporting Agent reflected that it is the lower south apartment of a four family flat. The name on the mail box is listed as L. PARKS, B. JOSEPH.

The files of the Los Angeles Office reflect that PARKS, whose real name is SAM KLUSMAN LAWRENCE PARKS, is a member of the Communist Party and has been the subject of a Security investigation by this office.

The toll calls for the telephone number Gladstone 6547 were checked by Special Agent R. C. BYRNES and it was found that service at that number was connected in the name of LARRY PARKS on October 17, 1942 at which time his occupation was listed as an actor at Columbia Studios.

In January 1947 a call was made by BELLA JOSEPH to JOE JOSEPH at the L. JOSEPH residence, 784 South 8th Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, telephone 35885.

In the same period a collect message was received over this telephone from MARTHA GLASSER, New York City, at telephone number Chelsea 29424.

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A call was also made from this telephone to Detroit, Michigan, telephone number TYler 72242.

The records of the Registrar of Voters, Los Angeles County, 808 North Spring Street, show a registration dated April 11, 1946 which is shown as the first registration in the state for Mrs. BELLA M. JOSEPH, 1352 North Havenhurst Drive, West Hollywood. Her occupation is shown as Assistant Story Editor, height 5 feet 5½ inches, and she stated she was born in Pennsylvania.

A registration was also found for LARRY PARKS, dated April 25, 1946, residence address 1737 Nichols Canyon Road. His former address was shown as 1352 North Havenhurst Drive.

The records of the Southern California Gas Company were checked for utility service at the Havenhurst address, with negative results, inasmuch as the apartment house services are from a single meter.

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Additional information regarding JOSEPH'S activities as Executive Secretary of the Sleepy Lagoon Defense Committee was furnished by Source N, an individual who is well acquainted with the Mexican Community of Los Angeles. This informant advised that in January 1944 she went to the offices of the committee at 542 South Broadway and met BELLA JOSEPH, who stated to her that she had arrived in Los Angeles just a few months ago from New York and as yet had not been able to make any satisfactory connections regarding her work in the interests of the committee. JOSEPH advised this informant that the Los Angeles press was not sympathetic to the cause of the committee and that the Los Angeles "Daily News" was the only newspaper which had been cooperative and friendly. JOSEPH stated to this informant that it was her desire to get in contact with members of the Mexican community. JOSEPH also inquired specifically whether this informant had any connections in the motion picture industry and in this regard asked whether the informant was acquainted with ORSON WELLES. The informant and BELLA JOSEPH then went to Olvera Street in the evening where it was arranged that JOSEPH would be introduced to individuals who operate the street, which is operated as a segment of early California Mexican Colony. (A) (u)

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BELLA JOSEPH became very friendly with this informant upon learning informant had a long acquaintance with Mrs. JOSEPHINE BRIGHT who was in New York attempting to put on a show based upon the "Pachucos" (Mexican-Americans), written by JOHN BRIGHT. JOSEPH stated to this informant that her committee is supported principally by the C.I.O. She further stated to the informant that she is Jewish. (S)(u)

It may be noted that the Sleepy Lagoon Defense Committee was heavily infiltrated by Communist and left wing figures. The National Chairman of the committee was CAREY MCWILLIAMS, and other members of the Board of Directors, which included BELLA JOSEPH, were Communists and left wing individuals.

The files of the Los Angeles Office reflect that BELLA JOSEPH was considered for a position on the Executive Committee of the People's Educational Center in December of 1944. In this connection, the Board of Directors of the People's Educational Association, otherwise known as the People's Educational Center, reflects Communist infiltration and control.

Recent information regarding the activities of BELLA JOSEPH was submitted to this office by Source O, [REDACTED]

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The records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association were checked by Special Employee BURGE regarding JOSEPH, with negative results.

DELLA DOBKIN

Information was requested by referenced letter from New York of November 19, 1946, regarding the background of D. DOBKIN, 137 Witmer Street, a correspondent of RAY ELSON, a principal subject in this case. This individual is identified as DELLA DOBKIN. She is the wife of MOSES DOBKIN regarding whom information was set out in the report of Special Agent M. DONALD ALDRICH, dated April 25, 1946, at Los Angeles.

A record was found in the office of the Clerk of the County of Los Angeles for the divorce of MOSES DOBKIN from his first wife, IDA, by final decree entered October 16, 1944. A search of the records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics for marriages for the years 1944 to date was negative with regard to DOBKIN and his present wife.

However, information was supplied to the writer by Source P, an officer of a financial institution, that according to his records an account was opened on December 1, 1944 in the name of DELLA or MORRIS DOBKIN, 137 Witmer Street. The signature card for this account reflected that DELLA was born in Poland and her mother's maiden name is shown as ROSE PAUL (or POUL).

An account with another financial institution reflected no data concerning DELLA DOBKIN, this Agent was informed by Source Q, an officer of the bank. The informant advised that a low four figure savings account was opened on March 1, 1940, and a three figure checking account was opened October 11, 1944, both in the name of MORRIS DOBKIN. Employment was given as S. GUTLIN, 850 South Broadway, and his occupation as tailor, while his mother's maiden name was shown as ANN.

On May 17, 1946, DELLA DOBKIN was employed at Rand of California, 850 South Broadway, as a finisher, according to Source R. Her husband, MORRIS, was employed by SAM GUTLIN, also at 850 South Broadway, as an operator. Their residence address had been 137 Witmer for four and one half years, and the previous address was given as 910 South Sycamore, according to the records of this informant, who is an executive of a retail store. A reference was also shown as Mrs. YETTA GRAY, sister, 1055 South Broadway, but there was no indication as to whose sister she was.

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Additional information regarding MORRIS DOBKIN was furnished by Source S, a retail store executive. This informant stated that an account had been carried in the name of MORRIS DOBKIN since September 1941. DOBKIN'S wife was listed as DELA and his employment was given as machine operator, employers S. GUTLIN, 850 South Broadway. The account was closed in January 1944 and subsequently re-opened in July 1944 at which time DOBKIN'S wife's name was given as DELA and the address as 137 Witmer. Reference was given as the Hubson Jewelry Company, 7th and Broadway, and it was noted reference was given for the old account as M. GORDESKI, 7142 Arlington. Inasmuch as the numbers on Arlington do not run that high it is believed this reference is probably MORRIS GORDASKY, 4172 Arlington who is listed in the current Los Angeles telephone directory. Under the original account name a previous employer for MORRIS DOBKIN is shown as NATHAN COLEMAN, 2100 West Santa Barbara. An account was opened for MORRIS DOBKIN and his wife, DELA, in December 1946 but no additional credit information was obtained for this account.

The records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association were searched by Special Employee BURGE, with negative results.

The records of Immigration and Naturalization Service reflected a DELLA RUBIN who is not identical with this individual, and a ROSE PAUL, none of whose four children were named DELLA.

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THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

AT ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, will ascertain the background of BELLA JOSEPH who was born in Pennsylvania and who contacted individuals, probably her relatives, at 784 South 8th Street, telephone number 35885.

THE NEW YORK OFFICE

AT NEW YORK CITY, will endeavor to ascertain the connection between BELLA JOSEPH and MARTHA GLASER, New York telephone number CHelsea 29424.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, will endeavor to ascertain additional background information regarding DELLA DOBKIN, 137 Witmer Street, Los Angeles.

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- SOURCE A Clerk, LDB 244, Windward Avenue and Trolley Way, Venice, California.
- SOURCE B Mrs. KATHRYN CURRIE, Clerk, LDB 201, 3636 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.
- SOURCE C [REDACTED] in report of Special Agent HAROLD F. TRAPP, dated March 7, 1947, at Washington, D. C., in the case entitled Hollywood Community Radio Group, Internal Security - C, Los Angeles File 100-24028. b2
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- SOURCE D Mrs. FRANCES KELLY, Clerk, LDB No. 238, 3636 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.
- SOURCE E Report of Special Agent E. BRUCE RYDER, dated April 23, 1947, at Los Angeles, entitled Hollywood Community Radio Group, Security Matter - C, L. A. File No. 100-24028.
- SOURCE F Sergeant CARL ABBOTT, Anti-Subversive Detail, Los Angeles Police Department, Wilshire Division, carried as Source 1 in the report of Special Agent E. BRUCE RYDER, dated April 23, 1947, at Los Angeles, entitled Hollywood Community Radio Group, Internal Security - C, L. A. File 100-24028.
- SOURCE G VINCENT WELCH, Attorney representing Huntington Broadcasting Company, Washington, D. C., in report of Special Agent HAROLD F. TRAPP, dated March 7, 1947, at Washington, D. C., entitled Hollywood Community Radio Group, Internal Security - C, L. A. File 100-24028.
- SOURCE H RALPH CLARE, International Representative of the Teamsters Local No. 399, A.F. of L., 6472 Santa Monica Boulevard, in report of Special Agent E. BRUCE RYDER, dated April 8, 1947, at Los Angeles, entitled AVERILL JOSEPH BERLIN, Internal Security - C, L. A. File 100-23544.
- SOURCE I Los Angeles files in the case entitled Communist Infiltration of the Radio Industry, Security Matter - C, in report of Special Agent WILLIAM NATHAN PROVINSE, dated August 20, 1946, at Los Angeles, and memo of same agent dated May 31, 1946, L. A. File 100-19333-291 and 299.

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SOURCE J ROBERT ROBINSON, Vice-President and Manager of the Security-First National Bank, Westwood, California.

SOURCE K [REDACTED] in L. A. File 100-0-50829, dated February 9, 1944. b2 b7D

SOURCE L HAROLD H. BOYCE, Investigator, District Attorney's Office, Santa Ana, California, L. A. File 100-0-30828, dated May 29, 1941.

SOURCE M [REDACTED] (c) b1

SOURCE N Mrs. GENEVIEVE SULLIVAN, 140 North Flower Street, Los Angeles, California.

SOURCE O [REDACTED] b7c b7D

SOURCE P MYRON MARQUAND, Secretary, Coast Federal Savings and Loan Association, 8th and Broadway, Los Angeles, California.

SOURCE Q A. L. SOMERINDYKE, Assistant Cashier, Union Bank and Trust Company, 8th and Hill Street, Los Angeles, California.

SOURCE R W. H. WISHON, Credit Manager, May Company, 8th and Broadway, Los Angeles, California.

SOURCE S JOHN W. TATERFALL, Credit Manager, Eastern Columbia Department Store, 9th and Broadway, Los Angeles.

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